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Kowloon ...Dep.	6.40	8.05	8.30	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.35	8.00	4.30	5.42	7.30
Yaumati ...Dep.	6.48	—	—	9.20	10.08	12.08	1.23	—	—	4.38	5.50	7.38
Shatin ...Dep.	7.01	—	—	9.33	10.20	12.20	1.34	—	—	4.50	6.02	7.50
Taipo ...Dep.	7.15	—	—	9.48	10.33	12.33	1.47	—	—	5.04	6.15	8.03
Taipo Market Dep.	7.20	—	—	9.53	10.37	12.37	1.51	—	—	5.08	6.19	8.07
Fanling ...Dep.	7.30	—	—	10.05	10.47	12.47	2.01	—	—	5.18	6.30	8.17
Sheungshui ...Dep.	7.35	—	9.07	10.10	10.52	12.52	2.06	3.14	—	5.23	6.35	8.21
Shumchun (Arr.	7.41	8.45	9.13	10.16	10.58	12.58	2.12	3.20	3.40	5.29	6.41	8.27
Shumchun (Dep.	—	8.48	—	11.10	—	—	—	—	3.43	—	—	—
Canton ...Arr.	—	11.50	—	5.38	—	—	—	—	6.47	—	—	—

DOWN TRAINS

STATIONS	No. 1 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	No. 7 A.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 15 A.M.	No. 17 P.M.	No. 19 P.M.	No. 21 P.M.	No. 13 P.M.	No. 22 P.M.
Canton ...Dep.	—	—	—	8.05	—	—	—	—	3.20	—
Shumchun (Arr.	—	—	—	11.05	—	—	—	—	6.21	—
Shumchun (Dep.	7.18	8.05	10.25	11.09	11.28	2.58	4.39	5.49	6.24	7.01
Sheungshui ...Dep.	7.25	8.12	10.42	—	11.46	3.05	4.46	5.56	—	7.08
Fanling ...Dep.	7.30	8.16	10.47	—	11.50	3.10	4.50	6.00	—	—
Taipo Market Dep.	7.40	8.26	10.57	—	12.01	3.21	5.00	6.10	—	—
Taipo ...Dep.	7.44	8.31	11.01	—	12.06	3.26	5.04	6.15	—	—
Shatin ...Dep.	7.57	8.44	11.20	—	12.20	3.39	5.17	6.28	—	—
Yaumati ...Dep.	8.11	8.56	11.14	—	12.32	3.51	5.29	6.40	—	—
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WOMEN AS MEN'S COMPETITORS.

PATTING BALLS OVER A NET.

MR. GEORGE MOORE'S SATIRE.

LONDON, April 3rd.

Piquant criticisms of distinguished writers and also of women were made yesterday by Mr. George Moore, the 76-years-old novelist, poet, and essayist.

Mr. Moore, who is in a London nursing home and was out of bed yesterday for the first time for two months following an operation, seemed almost as pleased over that fact as he was over the production of his play, "The Life of an Immortal," at the Arts Theatre on the previous night. Giving his impressions of modern literature, art, and women, he said:

"I absolutely refuse to speak about my living contemporaries because there is not one worth talking about.

As regards those who have died recently, Thomas Hardy could not write two lines of correct English together, and, instead of being considered a master of English country life, should have been considered more like a country schoolmaster. Besides, as is evident in *Tess*, he had no insight into human nature.

Then, to take another example, Conrad's works will be dead in a year. Anyone could write the sort of stuff he wrote about barges floating about in green-blue haze.

In my opinion, this generation is the most sterile of any there has been in the way of literature. There is not one outstanding genius.

It is much the same with music and art—just a mere spitting at the stars, and when women try to spit, too, and do what men do, the position is worse than ever. It is as ridiculous for women to think that they can compete with men as it is to suppose that with a wave of a stick it is possible to turn a white rose bush into a red one.

Women were far better off when they sat up in a tower embroidering beautiful tapestries rather than patting balls over a net from one year's end to another. There was something lasting in that tapestry, but what is coming of all this ball-patting? Nothing!

He blamed education, of which he said there was far too much, particularly for woman, "who ought to work with her hands rather than her brain." He added, however:

I hate all this Victorian convention which still lingers. . . . But in spite of all this I love women, and I cannot think how I should have got through life without them.

Speaking of his play, he said he started "The Life of an Immortal" four years ago and got tired of it when half way through. Later he determined to finish it and "wrote the second half anyhow," and in the ordinary idiom, whereas the first part was in the Elizabethan idiom.

Two days afterwards an American came to ask me if I had any short thing which he could publish. I showed him the play, which he pronounced to be exactly what he wanted, and, after altering the second half to fit the first half, he walked off with the MS. and I with £450—which I thought was a very good sum for it.

THE ROYAL ACADEMY.

RECEPTION DAY SCENES.

A Home paper to hand gives the following account of the reception of pictures for the exhibition of the Royal Academy, which opens on May 7th:—

From 8 a.m. onwards there was a continuous procession of men and women carrying pictures to the side entrance of Burlington House.

Within ten minutes there was seen:—

Women artists delivering pictures on the way to business.

A silk-hatted clergyman with two water-colours under his arm.

A picture in a poultry hamper.

Another in a confectionery bag.

A girl polishing a picture with her powder puff!

(*Continued on next Column*).

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LANGUAGE OF CROOKS.

HOW "PIGEONS" ARE MARKED FOR PLUCKING.

SOME "CODE SIGNS."

LONDON, April 8th.

Secret signs used by the leading lights of the underworld, changing, from day to day, month to month, year to year, are one of the biggest snags Scotland Yard have to contend with when rounding up criminal gangs.

Occasionally the police obtain knowledge of this silent language, but no sooner have they mastered its intricacies than they find that the signals have changed. It is a perpetual war—police and crooks.

The professional mobsmen usually assemble in the saloon bars of public-houses or hotel bars. They usually hunt in pairs, accompanied sometimes by a woman.

Confidence men are likely to use the following signs during the coming tourist season. If you see a man playing with one of his own jacket buttons, he is signalling to a confederate to be cautious. His pal scratches his right ear meaning "All right, I am keeping my eyes peeled."

A man at a bar holds out his cigar and knocks the ash off. He is signalling to his female companion "The man I am pointing at has just opened a wallet filled with notes."

Perhaps he may have crossed his left leg over his right. His confederate then knows not to trouble about the man on his right.

The Female Of The Species.

If you should strike up an acquaintance with a woman in a restaurant be cautious about the man sitting at a table with his thumb and two fingers together. He is asking your companion "Has your friend any money?"

Should your friend look into a mirror to powder her face it means "Yes." If she keeps powdering her face then the signal has passed that you have got plenty.

If she lights a cigarette, holding it between the left thumb and finger, she is saying "I want to introduce you, because I need your assistance to rob him."

Broken Down Aristocrats.

Perhaps a benevolent-looking old "gentleman" is sitting in an hotel lounge stroking his chin. He is signalling to confederates that you are not worth watching. The old fellow is a broken-down aristocrat who knows everyone, and makes a living in the underworld by pointing out good plumb pigeons.

The same old-timer may be observed in a financial paper. Suddenly he folds it, taps casually on the table and moves out. He has signalled to his gang "Nothing doing here. Follow me."

A well-groomed old man occupies a lounge in a fashionable theatre. He is attired in faultless evening clothes. His eyes are half closed. He apears to be dozing, but his fingers are gently moving up and down. He has signalled that he is coming up to the bar, and that he will tap the mug on the shoulder. It is then up to his confederate to steal the mug's tie-pin.

Sometimes these criminal schemes go wrong. They may have picked on a fresh-looking youth who is a keen sleuth in disguise, and who is "wise to their signs."

The result is a lessening in the ranks of London's crookdom.

One artist was in plus fours and wore a check cap; another was in mustard-coloured tweeds, and had a flowing red tie and a slouch hat.

The early arrivals included a young woman who had risen before dawn and travelled from Milford-on-Sea. She brought two small landscapes wrapped in brown paper, and bashfully handed them to an attendant.

"This is the first time I have aspired to the Royal Academy," she confessed. "I'm only an amateur, but I said to myself, 'Nothing venture, nothing win.'"

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.
(May 3rd.)

Queen's Theatre: "The Battles of Coronel and the Falkland Islands."
World Theatre: "The White Rose."
Star Theatre: "Hell Bent for Heaven."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.

Friday.
(May 4th.)

Christian Fellowship meeting, Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.
Property Sale China Auction Rooms, 3 p.m.
H.K.S.R.A. Sports Kings Park.
H.E. The Governor lays foundation Stone of Tung Wah Hospital Extension Sookunpoo, 3 p.m.
Extraordinary general meeting, Kowloon Bowling Green Club, 6 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Battles of Coronel and the Falkland Islands."
World Theatre: "The White Rose."
Star Theatre: "Hell Bent for Heaven."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.

Saturday.
(May 5th.)

Lawn Bowls Season starts.
4th Extra Race Meeting Happy Valley.
Golf: Captain's Cup, Fanling.
Queen's Theatre: "The Battles of Coronel and the Falkland Islands."
Concert Diocesan Boy's School, 8.30 p.m.
World Theatre: "The White Rose."
Star Theatre: "Hell Bent for Heaven."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.
Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe *viâ* Negapatam (*Hoiang*). Outward: Europe *viâ* Marseilles (*Fushimi Maru*), 9.30 a.m.; Europe *viâ* Siberia (*Sun Ning*), 2.30 p.m.

Sunday.
(May 6th.)

Accession of H.M. King George V. 1910.
Presentation of Colours to H.K. V.D.C. by H.E. the Governor Murray Parade ground, 9.30 a.m.
Golf: Captain's Cup, Fanling.
Queen's Theatre: "The Ring."
World Theatre: "Take It From Me."
Star Theatre: "The Thundering Herd."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.

Monday.
(May 7th.)

Sale of Crown land, 3 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Ring."
World Theatre: "Take It From Me."
Star Theatre: "The Thundering Herd."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.

Tuesday.
(May 8th.)

Ping Pong Tournament St. Peter's Young Men's Club.
Queen's Theatre: "The Ace of Cads."
World Theatre: "The Sap."
Star Theatre: "Diplomacy."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.
Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe *viâ* Marseilles (*Chenonceaux*), 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday.
(May 9th.)

Queen's Theatre: "The Ace of Cads."
World Theatre: "The Sap."
Star Theatre: "Diplomacy."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.
Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe *viâ* Vancouver and Europe *viâ* Siberia (*Empress of Russia*), 10 a.m.

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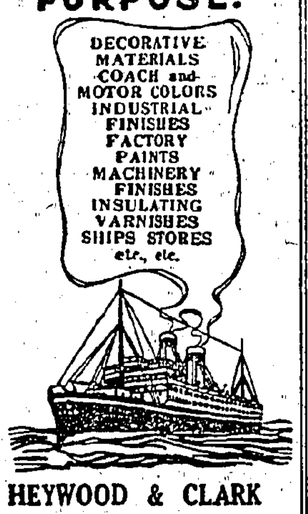
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"PITIFUL LETTERS" OF CREDITORS.

JUDGE'S COMMENTS.

"MANIA OF FINANCE."

Mr. Justice Eve made some pointed comments in the Chancery Division when he heard a petition by the United Steel Companies, Ltd., for the sanction of the court to a scheme of arrangement between the company and the various classes of its creditors, debenture holders, and the holders of some Preference shares, the dividend and capital of which was guaranteed.

Mr. Gordon Brown, for the company, said it was formed in 1918. It was an amalgamation of a large number of iron and steel works in the Sheffield and Lincolnshire districts. In addition to acquiring the share capital of several companies, it also acquired the share capital of some collieries with a view to providing the coal and coke for the steel works.

"Pitiful Letters."

The company had paid the interest on its various obligations up to the last date on which they fell due, except the Preference dividend due in March.

Mr. Brown said the scheme provided for a three years' moratorium, and during that period the interest was only to be paid out of profits if available.

The Judge: "I have received rather pitiful letters from shareholders about it, but they are not here.

"Mine is only a voice crying in the wilderness," Mr. Justice Eve went on. "Here is a gigantic combination, which has £2,500,000 debentures, which has over one million unsecured votes, it has nearly a million and a half in Preference shares, and over eight millions of Ordinary shares, and it cannot pay the interest or sinking fund on any single one. The unfortunate Ordinary shareholders, if the company pays off the Preference shareholders, will be placed behind one million and a half Preference capital of some other company. It is making a mania of finance which cannot be of benefit to either the trade or the public."

"The Maelstrom."

Mr. Brown said the scheme had been very carefully considered by the trustees, and the meetings were almost unanimous.

The Judge: A great deal of this capital was issued in exchange for shares in the subsidiary companies, the position of whose shareholders was probably not worse then than now. Small solvent businesses were swept in, and then drowned in this maelstrom created by this megalomania of finance. I suppose many many boards of directors whose businesses are in different parts of the country have been drawing adequate salaries. I am only repeating some of the complaints that have reached my ears through the post in this matter.

Mr. Brown said the directors were carefully selected in groups, but they all worked together—one lot in the Sheffield district and another in Lincolnshire.

The Judge: Well, it is no use discussing it. The scheme has been passed by the requisite majorities. No one appears to oppose it, and I will sanction the scheme.

DEATH AFTER CINEMA.

JURY AND MERCY FOR YOUNG HUSBAND.

Albert Symmons, aged 24, fitter's mate, was found guilty of the murder of his wife at Southend.

The jury added a strong recommendation to mercy and Mr. Justice Humphreys, in passing sentence of death, said he concurred with the recomendation.

It was alleged that while the couple were walking in the street Symmons stabbed his wife with a knife.

Symmons, in the box, said his wife was suffering from violent headaches and depression. They had been to a picture theatre and as they were walking along his wife asked him for his knife. He opened it and gave it to her, not thinking there was anything unusual about the request. "The next thing I remember," said Symmons, "is hearing a gurgling noise and seeing her falling."

Mr. Raphael, defending: It is suggested by the Crown that you stabbed your wife with the knife. Is it true?—No.

Asked if he had anything to say before he was sentenced, Symmons replied: "Nothing, my lord, except not guilty."

'PLANE FLIGHT HOAX.

WOMAN PILOT EXONERATED.

HOW 7-YEARS-OLD BOY WAS KILLED.

The aeroplane tragedy at Dukinfield, Cheshire, on Sunday, when a 7-years-old boy, Jack Humphrey Hood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, was killed by the propeller of the machine, was further investigated by Mr. J. A. K. Ferns, the coroner.

The aeroplane, which was supposed to be carrying an American film, was piloted by Miss Winifred Brown, of the Lancashire Aero Club. Six other children were injured.

Mr. Walter Samuel Browning, a film salesman, said he was a member of the Lancashire Aero Club and he selected the field for landing. He flew with Miss Brown. The field was almost surrounded by people, so he suggested to Miss Brown that they should fly over the people two of three times and give them a show. The film was not in the aeroplane.

Mr. Milton W. Parker, manager of the New Princes Theatre, Stalybridge, said that at first it was intended to carry the film in the aeroplane, but Mr. Browning objected and said it was not possible to carry the film.

Mr. Ferns: This was a hoax on the public in an advertising device?—It was an advertising device.

Surprised At The Crowd.

Miss Winifred Sawley Brown, of Lodore, Broughton Park, Manchester, gave evidence that she was told Mr. Browning wanted to be flown very urgently. "I understood there was a film in a box," she added.

Mr. Ferns: You didn't know you were being hoaxed into taking part in an advertising scheme?—I had no idea.

Miss Brown continuing said she was surprised when she saw the crowd. Mr. Browning asked her to do some exhibition flying, but she did not.

"If I had not thought it was urgent," added Miss Brown, "I don't think I should have landed with the number of people I saw about."

Mr. Ferns in his summing-up said the jury would be able to exonerate Miss Brown from any part in the advertising scheme. She was told a deliberate lie that the box containing the films was urgently needed in Stalybridge.

It was difficult to understand what qualifications Mr. Browning had to choose a ground. His flying experience was merely that of a novice.

A verdict of Death from Misadventure was returned. The jury exonerated Miss Brown from all blame and expressed the opinion that she did everything possible to avoid a much more serious accident.

READY TO FACE HIS ACCUSERS.

ALLEGED INDISCRETIONS OF A RECTOR.

PETITION TO BISHOP BY PARISHIONERS.

AVENING (Gloucester).

I interviewed late this afternoon the rector of Avening, the Rev. O. E. Hayden, charges against whom are to form the subject of a public inquiry by a commission appointed by the Bishop of Gloucester, writes an *Evening Standard* correspondent.

I understand that the commission will investigate reports of alleged indiscreet behaviour by Mr. Hayden concerning a young woman school teacher, who is a member of the church choir.

There are also allegations that the rector has been seen in certain alehouses and local taverns more often than is considered proper.

Mr. Hayden said:—

I have only one thing to say, and that is that I am ready to face my accusers in the open. It is not for myself alone, but for the sake of the young woman who has been mentioned.

I have placed the matter in the hands of my solicitor, and he is advising me. Whatever allegations there are will be fought, and it will be seen that they are baseless.

I am not perturbed. My conscience is clear. I am positive also the young woman is not at all anxious. She has no reason to be. She is going on with her teaching as usual. I cannot mention her name, for her sake. She will say what she has to say, if required, when the inquiry is held.

"Just before Christmas," Mr. Hayden added, "a petition to the bishop was started by four of my parishioners. It was signed by 200 people over 18 years of age in this little parish of about 700 souls.

"This petition was addressed to the Bishop and said, 'We deeply resent the attacks that are being made on our rector.'"

MONEY MAKING WIVES.

MORE AMBITIOUS THAN HUSBANDS.

CASH FOR CARS AND CLOTHES.

NEW YORK.

According to the Labour Department more than 8,500,000 women are now employed in gainful occupations in the United States. Of these, 2,000,000 are married.

The figures illustrate one of the many causes of the phenomenal prosperity of this country. Vast numbers of young women belonging to the middle and upper classes today deliberately choose a life of business activity in preference to one of sheltered luxury and idleness.

Among the younger generation of New York and other big cities it seems to be the rule rather than the exception for wives as well as their husbands to occupy salaried positions. The women are attracted by the romance of business, and are in a large percentage of cases showing more ambition and keenness than their male partners in the pursuit of careers.

Necessary Luxuries.

Miss Mary Anderson, head of the women's bureau of the Labour Department, declares that the majority of the women are working from sheer necessity, but it is more probable that the universal desire for luxuries is the impelling motive.

Unless the wife earns an income young couples realise that they must forgo motor-cars, radio equipment, theatre tickets, and expensive clothes, which, though luxuries, are regarded as necessities—a fact which undoubtedly accounts in part for American prosperity.



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Do., C.	£14½ buy.
P. & O. Bank	£9½ nom.
East Asia Bank	$75 nom.
Canton Insurance	$880 nom.
Union Insurance	$339 buy., 341½ sel.
North China Ins.	Tls. 140 nom.
Yangtsze Insurance	M. $47 buy.
China Underwriters	$2½ buy.
China Fire Insurance	$215 nom.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	$760 buy.
Douglases	$40½ sel.
H.K. Steamboats	$22½ buy., 23½ sel.
H.K. Tugs	$3½ buy.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	$37 buy.
Do. (Def.)	$78 buy.
Shell Transports	$59 nom.
Waterboats	$20½ nom.
Benguets	$2½ nom.
Kailan Mining Ad.	6/6 nom.
Langkats (combined)	Tls. 13½ nom.
Do. (single)	Tls. 6½ nom.
S'hai. Explorations	Tls. 2.85 nom.
Shanghai Loans	Tls. 3½ nom.
Banks	$4 nom.
Tronoh Mines	17/6 nom.
H.K. & K. Wharfs	$157 sel.
H.K. & W. Docks	$43 buy.
China Providents	$6 sel.
Hongkews	Tls. 159 buy.
New Engineerings	Tls. 4.80 nom.
Shanghai Docks	Tls. 109 buy.
Ewo Cottons	Tls. 8½ buy., 8.40 sel.
Orientals Cottons	Tls. 2 buy.
S'hai. Cottons (old)	Tls. 55 sel.
Do. (new)	Tls. 29 sel.
H.K. & S. Hotels	$8½ sel. & sa.
H.K. Lands	$66½ sel.
Shanghai Lands	Tls. 140 buy.
Humphreys Estates	$14½ nom.
H.K. Realties	$8½ buy., 8½ sel.
H.K. Tramways	$25.20 nom.
Peak Trams (old)	$13½ buy.
Do. (new)	$8½ nom.
Star Ferries	$84½ sel.
China Lights (old)	$11.65 x. rights nom.
Do. (new)	$11½ x. rights nom.
Do. (1928 Issue)	($1. paid) 7½ nom.
H.K. Electrics	$70½ sel.
Macao Electrics	$26½ buy.
Telephones	$4.70 buy.
China Bates	Tls. 7½ buy.
Singapore Tractions	11/9 nom.
China Sugars	$5.25 nom.
Malabon Sugars	$24½ nom.
Canton Ices	$4 nom.
Cements (combined)	$10 sel.
Do. (old)	$9 nom.
Do. (new)	$1½ sel.
H.K. Ropes (old)	$7 buy., 7½ sel.
Do. (new)	$3 nom.
United Asbestos	$10 nom.
Dairy Farms	$22½ nom.
Watsons	$14 buy.
Der A Wings	$0.50 nom.
Lane Crawfords	$3½ buy.
Mackintoshs	$22 sel.
Sinceres	$11 buy.
Wm. Powells	$3 sel.
H.K. Amusements	$28 buy., 29 sel.
H.K. Constructions	$1½ nom.
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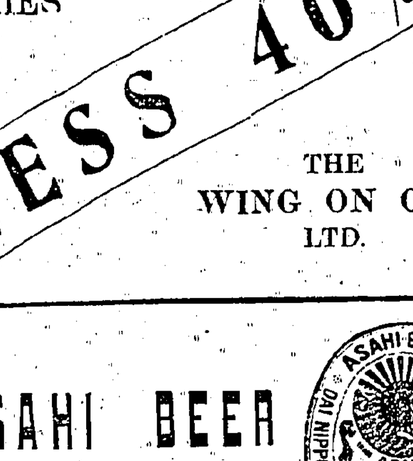
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BUILDING UP RESERVES.

CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW OF THE SITUATION.

DEVELOPMENT OF LIFE INSURANCE DEPT.

Mr. R. G. Shewan (Chairman) presided at the annual meeting of China Underwriters, Ltd., which took place yesterday in St. George's Building.

This was the Company's fourth annual meeting and the Chairman said that progress had been satisfactory. In the face of competition it was not easy to expand the marine and fire insurance departments, but they looked to the life department for their principal development and they had established agencies throughout the Far East. They did not expect to be able to recommend a distribution to shareholders for some time.

Supporting the Chairman were:—Mr. C. B. Brooke and Mr. Li Tse Fong (Directors), Mr. Herbert R. Sturt, F.I.A. (Manager and Secretary), Mr. E. R. Childe, A.I.A. (Assistant Secretary) and the following shareholders:—Messrs. G. K. Hall Brutton, D. L. King, Wong Oi Kut, Allan Keith, S. F. Chubb, A. L. Shields, J. Toppin and A. W. da Roza.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

Addressing the meeting the Chairman said:

As on the last occasion, we have converted all silver currency figures to Hong Kong dollars and all gold currency figures to sterling at the parities. The gold and silver figures have then been converted for convenience of reference to Hong Kong dollars at the rate ruling at December 31st, 1927, namely 2s. 0¼d. As the rate differs slightly from that at which the figures were combined on December 31st, 1926, we have, for the sake of continuity, shown the figures brought forward at last year's rate and carried the difference to exchange account.

The revenue accounts are being shown this year in the same form as previously but it is proposed in future in order to minimize fluctuations to combine the Marine, Fire and Accident Departments, following the precedent of some of the larger composite companies transacting business locally.

I will now refer to the various departments in the same order as on previous occasions.

The Marine Department.

In the Marine Department the net premiums have been reduced by the discontinuance of business from an unprofitable source referred to last year and by the reduction in our net retentions as a measure of precaution also then referred to. The gross premiums on the more profitable part of the business have increased in a satisfactory manner and in total the net premiums stand at $120,271 against $145,163 last year. While the net premium income showed some decrease we can safely say that the constitution of the business is much more satisfactory. The steps taken with regard to this department last year, and referred to in my speech, have proved effective, and the result is reflected in the revenue account for the current year. Reserves set up last year for outstanding and unexpired risks have proved more than adequate, and, with a satisfactory underwriting experience in the current year, we show a credit of $15,624 to Profit and Loss after setting up full reserves, against a debit of $80,792 in 1926. I believe that the reserves now set up are ample to cover outstanding claims and unexpired risks.

Fire Insurance.

The Fire Insurance Department premiums amount to $81,619 against $85,770 in 1926, but the account shows a debit balance of $4,141. This is attributable to the fact that larger reserves have been set up for outstanding and unexpired risks than on the previous occasions.

In the face of competition it is not easy at the present time to expand the Marine and Fire Departments very rapidly, though we are making all endeavours to do so. This being so I do not anticipate any very considerable profit from these departments in the near future but the business is sound and if, as I hope, we are able later on to extend our operations, these departments should, in course of time, contribute their share to the profits.

Accident Department.

The Accident Department produced premiums of $13,145, thereby doubling the income for the second year in succession. The expenses at $5,271 are very slightly in excess of those for the two previous years. After setting up reserves of $5,258 a sum of $1,346 is carried to the debit of Profit and Loss. The claim ratio has been moderate and the small debit is attributable to setting up full reserves on a rapidly expanding business. At the same rate of progress we should very soon be able to show a profit in this department.

The Life Department.

I will now refer to the Life Department, where we look for our principal development. The premiums received during the year amounted to $377,953, showing an increase of $84,782 on the premium income for the previous year. Expenses (excluding commission) at $185,375 are less by $1,200 than in the previous year. Claims notified, though heavier than last year, are quite within the expectation in view of the increased volume and longer duration of the business. The total life income for the year exceeded all outgoings (including claims) by $26,642 which we have carried to the credit of the life establishment account, thus fulfilling the prediction made in the Chairman's speech two years ago. It is anticipated that the surpluses of income over outgo will increase rapidly in successive years, but the surpluses will require for some years to be carried to reduction of life establishment account or placed to reserves.

We have now established Life Agencies throughout the Far East, and we can, I think, regard the future of the department with confidence although it is unlikely that the actuarial position will justify our recommending a distribution to shareholders for some time.

There is one item in the balance sheet which perhaps calls for explanation, *viz.*, the item of outstanding premiums $99,595. To the extent of $33,723 this represents life premium receipts in the hands of agents for collection, and, of the balance, only about $2,500 remains outstanding at the present time.

A Reserve Against Commitments.

The call of $1 per share made on the 9th May last year was satisfactorily responded to in spite of a certain amount of financial stringency in the Colony, and 98 per cent. of the call has been paid up.

The proceeds of this call form a reserve against the Company's commitments, but it is unlikely that any further capital will need to be spent or that a further call will be required, at all events for some years.

Debit Reduction.

We have on this occasion applied the amount of $65,500, shown in the last statement as "Premium on Shares Account," in the first place to write off the items of $5,818.52 preliminary expenses and $10,000 underwriting commission, and the balance, together with the net credit balance from the Fire, Marine and Accident Departments, has been applied to the credit of Profit and Loss. The debit to Profit and Loss is reduced from $116,382 to $47,243. This substantial reduction, the elimination of the two items referred to, and the reduction in the life establishment account indicate an improved position. We think that on the whole progress has been at least as satisfactory as we had reason to hope, and we may consider we have left our most difficult years behind.

It is felt that the position of the Company is now such that the Manager will be able to take his leave without prejudice to the Company's interests, and he proposes on his return journey, in six months' time, to visit the Southern Agencies with a view to consolidating our interests there. During his absence Mr. E. R. Childe, the Assistant Secretary, will assume charge of the Company.

As you are aware we have during the year altered the Company's Articles, and the business of the Company is now conducted by a Board of Directors elected in accordance with the Articles by the shareholders, a form of constitution which is undoubtedly more satisfactory from every point of view for an insurance company than the constitution which it replaced.

In conclusion I should like to express the Directors' appreciation of the loyal and energetic support given by Branch Managers, Resident Secretaries, Agents and Staff in our various Branches.

The Chairman then formally moved the adoption of the report and accounts of the Company for the year ending December 31st, 1927, as presented.

Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton seconded and the resolution was carried, no questions being asked.

A Temporary Director Elected.

Mr. Shewan: "In asking a shareholder to propose the election of Directors I should like to say that, in inviting Mr. Brooke to join the Board as an additional Director, it was not intended to increase permanently the number of Directors.

"As, however, several of the Directors have been unexpectedly called away at the same time it was felt that Mr. Brooke's assistance, as an original member of the Consulting Committee of this Company, would be valuable during the absence of Messrs. Cameron, Marcel and da Roza.

"If Mr. Brooke is elected it is his intention to resign as soon as the return of one or more of the Directors makes this practicable, and I should like, on behalf of myself and the other Directors, to thank Mr. Brooke for acceding to our request."

Mr. Allan Keith proposed and Mr. Wong Oi Kut seconded the re-election of Messrs. Allan Cameron, Li Tse Fong and C. B. Brooke.

Auditors Re-elected.

Mr. S. F. Chubb proposed and Mr. D. L. King seconded the re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming as auditors for the ensuing year at a fee of $750 each firm. This was carried.

MONEYLENDERS' PRACTICE.

JUDGE'S COMMENTS AND SUGGESTION.

RECEIPT FOR INSTALMENTS SHOULD BE GIVEN.

In a money lending case heard before the Puisne Judge, Mr. P. Jacks, at the Summary Court yesterday morning, the defendant in the action told his Lordship that he had paid five instalments to the plaintiff, an Indian money lender, and had never been given a receipt for the money paid. The plaintiff claimed that he had received two instalments only.

His Lordship condemned the practice of moneylenders of not giving a receipt for money paid on account by debtors, and strongly commented that an acknowledgement should be given. His Lordship further suggested that money paid should be recorded on the back of the note in the presence of both parties so that the Court could see how matters stood.

The plaintiff in the case was Naranjan Singh who claimed $324 from Mr. Hussain. The promissory note was given in settlement of another action and was for $354. Plaintiff admitted receiving two instalments of $15 each, and was therefore claiming the balance.

Defendant said that he had paid five instalments and that the plaintiff had refused to give a receipt for the amount he had received.

His Lordship commented on this practice as stated above and added that debtors would be quite justified in refusing payment until a receipt was given. To the defendant his Lordship said that it was useless coming to Court and making statement which he could not prove.

Judgment was given against the defendant who was ordered to pay monthly instalments of $12.

UNIVERSITY LECTURE.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR ON AN ANALYSIS OF THOUGHT.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., delivered yesterday evening the last of the course of three lectures which he has given in the Great Hall of the University on "An analysis of thought and its activities."

His listeners found this lecture of a less technical nature than the two first and he brought his argument to a masterly conclusion.

Mr. W. W. Hornell, Vice-Chancellor of the University, after thanking His Excellency for the lectures expressed the hope that others would follow Sir Cecil's lead and come forward to deliver public lectures at the University.

Among others present were Lady Clementi, Sir Shou Son Chow, Bishop Valtorta, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, C.B.E., The Dean of Hong Kong (the Very Rev. A. Swann) and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual report of the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., for presentation to the meeting of shareholders which will be held at the offices of the Company on Thursday, May 17th, states:

1926 ACCOUNT.—After payment of an interim dividend of $18 per share on May 17th, 1927, this account shows a surplus of $828,202.75, and it is recommended that this sum be appropriated as follows:—To pay a final dividend of $22 per share, $220,000; To add to Reinsurance Fund, $100,000; To add to Underwriting Suspense Account to close the year 1926, $508,202.75.

1927 ACCOUNT.—The amount standing at credit of this account is $2,504,981.89. Out of this sum, it is further recommended that an interim dividend of $18 per share be paid, absorbing $180,000, the balance of $2,324,981.89 being carried forward.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE. — Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. A. H. Compton, L. Dunbar, A. S. Gubbay, Henry Humphreys, T. E. Pearce and H. P. White retire but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming who, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

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RUBBER PRICE FALL.

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[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SYDNEY, May 1st.

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SUPREME AS AN ENTERTAINMENT.

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

Much has been written here of the wonderful film of the British Navy "The Battles of Coronel and the Falkland Islands." Statistics of all sorts have been published and some description of the purpose and manner of making of the film. But I have here to view it not in the light of a patriotic achievement but of an entertainment, and as such it stands supreme. Never has any film been so packed with interest; there is not a single moment when your attention wanders and every tiny detail is enormously significant. It would be asking too much of the film industry to expect that as much care should go to the making of every film, and too much of cinema goers to expect them to like such films as their daily fare, but it is on such films as these that the cinema can base its claim to serious consideration.

Some of the scenes of the ships at sea are pictorially very beautiful, and the roles of the famous persons connected with the naval actions pictured are splendidly taken. The illusion that you are witnessing what actually occurred during the war, seeing the ships in action and Lord Fisher, "Winston" and the Admirals in the flesh is almost perfect.

The spirit of the film is as fine as any other part of the production. There is no bitterness or hymn of hate in the struggle between the opposed navies, but the spirit which has made our forces glorious in their uncomplaining and unvaunting heroism.

"Land Of Hope And Glory."

The assistance given by the Misses A. and D. Woods to the programme has proved as welcome and successful as it was in the case of "7th Heaven." One of them is singing at each performance "Land of Hope and Glory," and Miss A. Woods' entrance at 5.10 house yesterday was the signal for thunderous applause. The song is accompanied by a series of moving pictures appropriate to the words which appear above them word by word. These pictures show England in all her aspects. Childhood by the sea, rolling downs, green meadow land, London, the fighting forces and the seas which wash her shores. The voices of the Misses Woods are particularly well suited to German's setting of the song and they are well able to fill the Queen's. The singing of the chorus which was taken up yesterday by the whole audience was extraordinarily impressive.

British Gazette.

The very interesting and appropriate gazette which prefaces the picture, comes also from a British studio, and shows scenes of Naval, Air Force and Army Manœuvres. This alone would be worth visiting the Queen's to see without the rest of an excellent programme.

British Boxing Film For The Queen's.

"The Ring," the boxing drama described by the London papers as "a triumph for the British film industry," will be shown at the Queen's on Sunday and Monday. The central figure in the story is a boxer in an English country fair, played by Carl Brisson, a great stage favourite at Home and a boxing champion of the Danish Navy. The boxer is in love with the pretty ticket-seller, played by Lillian Hall-Davies, one of the most popular of British screen stars. "The Ring" has been elaborately staged. For one of the scenes a complete fair with merry-go-rounds, boxing booths, peep-shows, strong men, performing seals were assembled, whilst in the boxing scenes the actual ring used in the Walker-Milligan fight at the Albert Hall was utilised. This fight is refereed by Eugene Corri.

At The World.

Ivor Novello, the famous English actor, has the leading part in "The White Rose," which will be the main picture at the World Theatre from to-day to Saturday. The Story of "The White Rose" deals with the love of a waif and a rich man. The story and action is modern, but affords opportunities to interpret flashes of olden days in a pleasing manner. It has been directed by D. W. Griffith and included in the supporting case are Mae Marsh, Carol Dempster, Neil Hamilton and many others.

At The Star.

Patsy Ruth Miller and John Harron have the leading parts in "Hell Bent fer Heaven," a new picture which will be screened at the Star Theatre from to-day to Saturday. The background of the picture is provided by the California mountains where a religious fanatic revives a family feud out of jealousy of the man who has successfully won the love of a mountain girl. There is an exciting scene which serves as the climax, when the fanatic breaks the dam, and nearly brings destruction to those whom he hates.

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ROUND THE POLICE COURTS.

POLICE INFORMER SENTENCED.

SIX MONTHS AND TWENTY STROKES.

FELLOW OFFENDER ABSCONDS.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon a hawker with the "side line" employment of police informer was sentenced to six months' hard labour and twenty strokes of the birch.

Inspector A. J. W. Dorling appeared for the prosecution. It will be remembered that the defendant and a district watchman who was also an ex-policeman made demands for bribes from two refugees from Swatow, under the threat of arresting them as Communists. They took the refugees' belongings and imprisoned them in a flat at Third Street, West Point, for three days.

The complainants only got their freedom by a piece of luck. A Chinese constable whom they knew personally passed the door and they called him in and explained the situation. They said that they were under the impression that they were being detained in a "police station" and they were charged with being Communists.

The Magistrate convicted and imposed sentence as stated above on the informer.

The other defendant, the district watchman, has since absconded and the $500 bail put up by a friend has been forfeited. A witness for the prosecution declared that the watchman attempted to bribe him not to appear in Court.

A DOG THIEF.

A Chinese, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of stealing a dog.

The prosecution alleged that the defendant had a piece of raw meat with which he lured the animal away. When arrested it was found that the accused had tied a string around the neck of the dog and was leading it away along a street in Wanchai.

His Worship: What have you to say?

Defendant: The dog followed me and I did not steal it.

His Worship did not believe his story and sentenced him to four weeks' hard labour.

JERRY BUILDING STOPPED BY P.W.D.

Messrs. Hung Lee, a Chinese contracting firm, were summonsed before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning for using faulty bricks in the construction of the flats at Nos. 208 and 212, Shanghai Street. Mr. F. Neville, of the Public Works Department, appeared for the prosecution.

The defendant agreed that owing to his absence it was possible that his workmen had not used the correct "blue" bricks as instructed.

Mr. Neville said that when he inspected the flats in question he found that the bricks used for the external wall were not even fit to be used for an internal partition.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of $50 and made an order for the contractor to pull down the walls in question which would have to be constructed to the satisfaction of the Building Authorities.

A MOSQUITO BREEDING PLACE.

The Manager of the Tick Wo Soy Factory was summonsed before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning for causing a nuisance by, leaving stagnant water in pools and jars of earthenware, in a way which tended to breed mosquitoes.

Sanitary Inspector A. Sinton said that although there were no signs of larvae on the premises, there was a likelihood of mosquitoes laying their eggs there. The defendant had drained his property but the water had accumulated in pools on a vacant piece of Crown land. The Inspector suggested that a large pool be dug from which the water could be pumped into an adjoining nullah.

The Magistrate pointed out that the defendant had done the necessary drainage work on his own land but the water, through no fault of his had collected on Crown lands.

The defendant was then ordered to take measures to clear up the nuisance and was ordered to pay a fine of $25. He was warned that any repetition of the nuisance would mean a fine of double the present penalty.

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"The White Rose."

The attention of cinema-goers is drawn to the special times for D. W. Griffith's production, "The White Rose," at the World Theatre, namely 2.30, 5.00, 7.15 and 9.30. The picture is an unusually long one and begins promptly at these times.

THE ETERNAL TRIANGLE.

42 ELOPES WITH 36.

ELDERLY CHINESE LOVERS.

THEIR QUEER OCCUPATION.

Charges of seducing and harbouring a married Chinese woman aged 42 were made yesterday afternoon at the Central Magistracy before Major C. Willson against a Chinese named Kwan Yuen (36). The woman was also charged with unfaithfulness towards her husband. The man pleaded not guilty but the woman admitted the offence.

Mr. E. H. Williams, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs conducted the prosecution.

Mr. Williams said that the complainant was part owner of a knitting factory in Honam, Canton. He was married to the second defendant, and the first defendant was a worker in the factory. About June last year the first defendant and his wife suddenly absconded taking with them $200 in Canton currency. Some jewellery and suits of clothing were also taken and a black suit-case. He reported the matter to the Canton Police and gave them a photograph of the first defendant which they affixed to a warrant for his arrest. He came to Hong Kong on the 23rd April because he had been told by an informer that his wife was living with the first defendant at No. 136, Shaukiwan, East. After a visit to the police he went there with Sgt. Haywood and found the two defendants who were living in a cubicle. The complainant also identified some of his missing property. "The woman," continued, Mr. Williams, "denies that the complainant is her husband and states that she was married to his brother who is now dead. The first defendant also denies that he was employed at the complainant' factory in Honam."

The complainant then went into the witness box and told the Court that the second defendant was his wife, and that they were married about 20 years ago at the Ng Far Yuen village in Waichow. He had always been kind to her and maintained her to the best of his ability

They Had No Children.

Complainant's partner corroborated this evidence and said that he was present at the wedding. She was also his niece. A little boy was then called and Mr. Williams described him as the adopted son of the complainant. The little fellow who was extremely smart and self-possessed, though his head hardly topped the witness box, pointed out the complainant as his father, the second defendant as his real mother by birth, and the first defendant as the man who had "run away with his mother." He also told the Court that the first defendant was a worker at his father's factory in Honam. Sgt. Haywood also gave evidence.

Said She Was Single?

Asked if he had anything to say for himself the first defendant said that he was employed at the Wah Mui Knitting Factory in Honam and the woman had got the job for him. She said that she had no husband and was single and volunteered to live with him if he would take care of her. As business was dull in Canton he decided to come to Hong Kong and the woman followed him.

A Queer Way Of Livelihood.

They lived in Shaukiwan and took up the odd occupation of worshipping for other people charging fees for this service. He did not know the complainant and had never worked for him.

The defendant also told the Court that he had two witnesses whom he wished to call and who would say that the second defendant was a widow. Under these circumstances the Magistrate agreed to adjourn the case.

Mr. Williams remarked that one of the defendant's witnesses had disappeared.

A ROGUE PUNCHED AND GAOLED.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning with larceny and attempting to bribe a watchman.

The tenant of No. 6, Tang Lung Street, top floor, was aroused from sleep shortly after 4 a.m. on the 1st inst. He saw a man's face appear above the doorway and promptly punched it. The intruder dodged but was stopped by a district watchman just outside the premises. He then attempted to bribe the watchman with a jacket, a watch and 70 cents, which he had stolen from the house.

The watchman refused the bribe and arrested the thief.

The prosecution informed the Magistrate that the defendant was a returned banishee having been convicted for larceny in 1924 and subsequently banished.

On the charges of larceny and bribery, the Magistrate imposed a total sentence of six months' hard labour, and for returning from banishment he was further sentenced to a term of six months' hard labour.

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FLITTING.

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Boy had given us to understand that zero hour would be at 8 a.m. But by half past seven glottal plosives and the rattling of butt ends of bamboo poles signified that the shock troops were already at their point of assembly.

In the tactile operation of effecting a junction between back-stud and collar, I was interrupted by a call on the telephone. When I returned, both back-stud and collar, as well as tie, had disappeared; and a coolie was going off with my jacket in a waste-paper basket. Obviously the flitting had commenced.

For the benefit of those who were born south of the Humber, it might be considered desirable to point out that flitting means house-removal. I should substitute the latter for the former, but for something that happened during the day. A young Southerner, noticing my unusually unsettled condition about mid-day, asked what was wrong? I replied "Would you know what I meant if I said 'flitting'?" "Oh, yes," was his retort, "moving about aimlessly from place to place." It seemed to me that the interpretation which he had put on the word was truer than the false notions that are liable to be conveyed by such terms as "house-moving," when the trouble is that the house is the one thing that can't be moved; or "removal," which suggests a passivity quite unattainable on these occasions.

The next incident was screams from my wife. Screams in the hall. Screams on the footpath. Screams down on the road. It sounded like kidnapping with violence. But when I rushed down she was standing at the door. In one hand she held a hat, and in the other a purse. "I had to rescue these," she said, "but couldn't get hold of them till they had packed them in the lorry."

After that I need hardly say that I ate my breakfast with my arms round it; my hat on my knee, and my attaché case as a footstool. The telephone bell rang again, but it rang in vain.

As they were loading the lorry when I left the premises, I deemed it advisable to pause and spread a supervising eye. They were hoisting a sideboard into its place on top of a chesterfield, when one of the doors flew open and revealed a decanter full of whiskey, which I had been told at a late hour the previous night was irredeemably and carefully packed away. It was the best cut-glass decanter. Fortunately it didn't fall out of the sideboard. Boy, with great promptitude, seized hold of it, and with ready wit dumped it in the spare seat of my two-seater. That constituted my luggage for the day, and my share in the burdens of removal.

When the lorry moved off on its first trip, it was piled so high that it reminded me of a recent picture in the *Ephemeral Looking Glass* showing a pointsman's signal tower being moved bodily to a new site on a home railway; or like one of those classical machines of war in which the ancients foresaw tanks and attacked the high battlements of walled cities. With a goat on top, it might have served as a natural object in Swiss scenery. Momentarily I felt indebted to the local sophist, or ironist, who recently pleaded that as the numbers of Hong Kongites to whom aesthetic considerations mean anything, are negligible, there was no harm done in cutting down those mighty trees that once overarched some of the roads of this island.

There are people who deplore lack of system in operations conducted by the Chinese. After seven flittings, in eight years, one becomes an admirer of this lack of system. It is part of their wisdom. Only the middle-aged are systematic. The very young have not yet come under the obsession of the horrible idea that all things are simplified by system. The very old realise that system is a means of introducing complexity into any naturally simple undertaking. Chinese as a race are old enough to have learned that. Their method of conducting flittings proves it. The Westerner, during his first experiences of flitting in the East, tries to introduce method, arrangement, and foresight. He packs carefully; making sure that the ink is not among the linen. He believes that there is a place for everything on bamboo pole and in motor lorry, and tries to foresee those places. He condescendingly lends brute labour the benefit of his systematic intellect. As Tennyson says "our little systems have their day," and the coolie has his laugh; but the result is delay and destruction. After half-a-dozen removal operations, the Westerner learns that he might as well try to help ants by laying down a system of white lines. He leaves things to take their course. The removal is chaotic but expeditious. He may be indignant to find a special journey being made for a cigar box containing the one and last cockroach-bitten mist-sodden cigar, that even griffins have refused; but the cigar will be there in its box when he arrives in his new abode.

As a veteran in furniture moving, I was delighted to see that the only touch of system about the business was when the Number One blew three shrill blasts on his whistle, to collect the mob before the lorry moved off. After each blast he stopped and laughed and his subordinates joined in the laugh.

But flitting is not merely a comedy, it is a romance, and as such has its revolutions, discoveries and mysteries. There is something exquisitely revolutionary about the placing of a silver match box, for safe keeping, in a jar of marmalade. And yet when you first think of matches in the morning, marmalade is not entirely unassociated with them. System would have dictated the juxtaposition of articles usually required contemporaneously. My greatest discovery, however, contains also the elements of a mystery, which might appeal to those who are most expert at solving problems. My dearest friend lent me recently the manuscript of an original epic poem, and has always insisted, in spite of my protestations to the contrary, that I never returned it to him. The house was searched several times. Even he, in a last effort to retain his friendship, was allowed to search for it. He searched with the fury and futility of a Mah-Jong player looking for a fifth East Wind in the unexpended portion of the wall after the game has gone against him. But the flitting brought the document to light, like magic. It was lying between the top of a wardrobe and that ornamental coping which, although eternally fixed, is called removable. Will anyone venture to say how it found its way there? This regrettable resurrection, and the breakage of one porcelain bed-heater, were the only misfortunes of the day.

JAPAN AND SHANTUNG.

PROTESTS FROM CANTON.

"NATIONALISTS ABLE TO PROTECT FOREIGNERS.

LETTER TO JAPANESE CONSUL.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, May 2nd.

The Chinese vernacular newspapers in Canton are flooded with protests against the Japanese expedition to Shantung. Public gatherings were held yesterday in the Assembly Hall of the Provincial Kuomintang Headquarters, in the auditorium of Sun Yat Sen University and elsewhere, and the Japanese Government was bitterly denounced for its action in China. Government and people appear unanimous in their hostility to the Japanese Expedition. The opposition is intensified by the approach of National Humiliation Day, May 7th, when the Japanese Government thirteen years ago presented the Twenty-one Demands to the Chinese Government. It is learned that a big demonstration will be held in Canton on the date in question when concerted protests will be made against the Japanese Government for despatching troops to Shantung. The demonstration will be supported by all classes.

The attitude of the Provincial Administration towards the Japanese Expedition has been well expressed by Dr. Chao-Hsin Chu, Commissioner for Foreign Affairs of Kwangtung, in a letter to the Japanese Consul-General at Shameen. A free translation of Dr. Chu's letter follows:

FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMISSION PROTESTS.

To the Japanese Consul-General, Shameen.

Your letter respecting the Japanese despatch of troops to Shantung has been duly received. We are surprised to learn of your attitude in the matter. It must be borne in mind that Shantung is Chinese soil, an integral part of China. Any foreign troops despatched there, or to any other part of China, constitutes, according to international law and justice, a flagrant encroachment upon the territorial sovereignty of China, which can never be tolerated. Your statement to the effect that the Japanese troops are there to protect the lives and property of Japanese nationals is not justifiable. It is a well known fact that wherever the Nationalist Armies advance, they inflict no harm to foreign nationals. In fact they do all they can to protect them. It is the policy of the Nationalist Government to protect the lives and property of foreign nationals in China.

Your Government should therefore entertain no suspicion whatever at the foreign policy of the Nationalist Government. The Government and the Chinese people here are one in opposing the Japanese military movement in Shantung. It is sincerely hoped that you will be so good as to transmit our attitude in this matter to the Japanese Government, requesting it to withdraw at once the Japanese troops now stationed in Shantung, as a sign of respect for the territorial integrity and political independence of China. This will be a great step forward toward the promotion of true friendship between the two countries.—Yours, etc.

(Signed) CHAO HSIN CHU,
Commissioner for Foreign Affairs of Kwangtung.

AN UNPLEASANT STRIKE.

CANTON'S SANITARY SYSTEM BREAKS DOWN.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, May 2nd.

The Canton night soil collectors, who are all women, have gone on strike and the city is now in a very unpleasant state. The strike began last Sunday morning and no one is allowed back to work under a penalty of a $10 fine and other appropriate punishments. The reason for the strike is that the Municipal Bureau of Health decided to collect directly the revenues from night soils. Heretofore the sale of night soil was a monopoly of the Wai Yu Corporation under the management of Wan Shin Yu, a wealthy merchant. All the assements were collected by the Wai Yu Corporation and turned over to the Municipal Bureau of Health. According to the officials of the Bureau, the Corporation has not been turning over as much money as it should.

Trouble arose when the delegates of the Bureau of Health went down to the Head Office of the Wai Yu Corporation, demanding its dissolution and the turning over of the collection of night soil to the Bureau. This infuriated Mr. Wan Shin Yu, the manager, who stubbornly refused to hand over his lucrative business to the Government, declaring that his monopoly of the trade had been sanctioned by

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CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

A $300,000 LOAN.

FOR URGENT REPAIRS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, May 2nd.

The *Canton Gazette* reports today the raising of a loan for the reformation of the Canton-Hankow Railway, which is on the verge of bankruptcy. The loan is to be advanced by a certain private firm and amounts to $300,000.

The *Gazette* states:

"In order to meet the vast expenditure necessary for repairing the railway and renewing the sleepers, which the railway management itself cannot at present defray, the members of the Yuet-Han Railway Reformation Committee have decided to raise a loan of $300,000 at an annual interest of 10 per cent. from a certain firm. Negotiations have been under way between the two parties concerned, and terms have been arrived at. The agreement will probably be signed, as soon as the terms are approved by the Government, and, it is stated that the whole building of the Yuet-Han Railway Office in Wongsha, and its wharves along the river will be given as a pledge for the loan.

"After the receipt of the loan by the Railway Office, the firm which issues the loan, will have the right of selling tickets for ten freight cars, and the freight thus collected each day will be paid to the railway office after deducting $2,000 daily as a reimbursement of the loan. This will continue until the final settlement of the loan, capital and interest, by the railway.

"The loan will not be paid to the railway office in cash, but will be set aside for the purchase of railway materials and additional locomotives and machinery. Vouchers for payment will be sent to the creditor firm which will make the necessary payment to the sellers."

Our correspondent has not been to find out whether the firm in question is a Chinese firm or a foreign firm.

HISTORIC MACAO.

AUTHOR'S STATEMENT.

IRONY OF FATE.

"THE UNGRATEFUL HOMELAND."

We have received a long statement from Mr. C. A. Montalto de Jesus, the author of "Historic Macao," regarding his aim and object in writing the book.

As will be remembered the book was suppressed and Mr. de Jesus was charged in Macao with making statements considered to be an abuse of the Press Law and was sentenced to forty days' imprisonment with an option of a fine.

In concluding his statement Mr. Montalto de Jesus says:

Such is the irony of fate that, for having bequeathed to Macao her true history, which has cost me so many sacrifices, still I incur the penalty of civic death, besides finding myself abandoned and destitute in my old age.

I found it necessary to intern myself at the asylum of the Little Sisters of the Poor at Kowloon, sheltered by charity among Chinese old men. There I got ill, suffering from malaria, besides heart complaint. My persecutors ought to be well satisfied with all this—the greatest expiation ever suffered by a Macaoese, and a striking contrast to the homage rendered me by various intellectual centres in Europe and America.

I stayed seven months at the asylum until in despair I returned to Macao in order to vindicate myself judicially before consummation of the martyrdom.

I have waited here almost eight months . . . and I hope that for the moral and material damages suffered by me, due compensation will be made, so that I may leave Macao decently, forget the injuries, and end the long expiation far from the ungrateful homeland for which I have sacrificed myself in every way, even as to health.

the Bureau of Health. Realizing, however, the futility of going *against the decision of* the Government, Wan Shin Yu instigated the women night soil collectors to strike, which they did. Wan Shin Yu has been on the friendliest terms with the women workers. When the latter demanded of their employers an increase in pay and shorter hours of work, he sided with them.

Many people here blame the Bureau of Health for the state of affairs. The Bureau, they say, should have made all the necessary arrangements beforehand. As it was the Bureau did nothing but notified the Corporation of its intention to take over the collection of night soil. The result was the strike and the Bureau is at a loss as to how to carry out this public service.

INSPECTION OF BOY SCOUTS.

THE REV. G. T. WALDEGRAVE DECORATED.

CEREMONY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., inspected the Hong Kong Boy Scouts, Rovers and Wolf Clubs yesterday afternoon at Government House.

The boys were drawn up in a large semicircle on the lawn in front of Government House with their officers and patrol leaders. His Excellency the Governor, who is the Chief Scout of Hong Kong, accompanied by the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, M.A., Commissioner and Deputy Camp Chief for Hong Kong, and Captain Whyte, A.D.C., inspected each patrol, stopping to speak personally to one or two scouts. The boys presented a smart appearance and their hearty cheers at the close of the ceremony showed their keenness.

Among others present were:—Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., and A.D.C., Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G., Sir Henry Gollan, K.C., Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Colonel T. A. Robertson, Sir Shou-son Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., Mr. Ho Kom Tong, and Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

The Chief Scout's Speech.

Sir Cecil Clementi addressed the Commissioner as follows:—

Mr. Waldegrave,—Upon the unanimous recommendation of the members of Council of the Hong Kong Branch of the Boy Scouts' Association, in whose opinion I heartily concurred, the Chief Scout, Sir Robert Baden Powell, has awarded you the order of the "Silver Wolf," which is the highest mark of distinction in his gift.

Your connection with Boy Scouts dates from December, 1908, when you became the Scoutmaster of the 3rd Sherborne (Dorset) Troop. Later you were Scoutmaster of the 5th Cambridge (Perse School) Troop and of the 102nd Midland (Birmingham Parish Church Troop). You were also representative of the Birmingham Central Scout "Division" on the Executive Committee of the Birmingham Scout Association. In 1915 you were co-founder with Baron F. van Pallandt of the Scout Officers Training Corps in the Internment Camp at Groningen, Holland. During 1917 and 1918 you ran the Sea Scout Patrol in connection with the Sea Scout Messengers at Lowestoft Naval Base. Since October, 1921, you have been Commissioner of Boy Scouts in Hong Kong.

You have rendered splendid service to the Association for almost twenty years and you have thoroughly earned the distinction now given by the Chief Scout.

New Secretary Takes The Oath.

Mr. J. A. Worswick, who has been appointed Secretary to the Hong Kong Boy Scout Association, was then presented to His Excellency and the Commissioner, and took the boy scouts oath of loyalty and then exchanged salutes with the scouts.

The Silver Wolf.

The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., then formally presented the Rev. Waldegrave to the Chief Scout, and said that he heartily endorsed all that His Excellency had said of the Commissioner. It had been his privilege to be associated with Mr. Waldegrave for a number of years, and his tact and devotion to duty had filled the speaker with admiration. He had thoroughly earned his high award which had given the greatest possible pleasure to all members of the Association, on whose behalf he (Dr. Kotewall) tendered Mr. Waldegrave hearty congratulations.

The Certificate.

The certificate from Sir Robert Baden Powell, Chief Scout, was then read by Dr. Kotewall as follows:—

This certificate is granted to the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, M.A., Commissioner and Deputy Camp Chief for Hong Kong as evidence that I have awarded him the Honorary Silver Wolf in recognition of his most excellent services on behalf of the Scout Movement.

Sd. ROBERT BADEN POWELL,
Chief Scout.

April 23rd, 1928.

The green ribbon carrying the insignia of the Silver Wolf was hung round the Commissioner's neck by His Excellency, who then called for three cheers from the Scouts, which they accorded in traditional fashion with their hats on their staves.

The Greatest Award.

The Rev. G. T. Walegrave addressing the assembly said that he did not know how to thank His Excellency for his kind words, and he appreciated more than he could

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say the award which had been made to him. But the greatest award had been the pleasure he had found in the work and the friends he had gained in the scout movement. He spoke of the extraordinary courage shown by the Chinese scout masters in having taken up fearlessly this movement to bring boys of this old nation into line with boys of other newer civilizations the world over, and their clearness of vision which enabled them to see that there was nothing in the scout movement to which any boy could not subscribe.

Three cheers were given by the scouts for His Excellency, who received their salute.

THE EMPEROR OF JAPAN.

ENTHRONEMENT PREPARATIONS.

RICEFIELD RITUAL.

16 MILLION YEN TO BE SPENT.

The year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight is going to be a land-mark in the history of the Japanese nation. It will be a year of the first importance because it will witness the Enthronement Ceremony at the ancient capital of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor Hirohito.

Preparations for the significant event are now well under way. The officials who have charge of the innumerable details, great and small, have received their commissions, and both in Tokyo and Kyoto where the auspicious event is to be held, are occupied with the preliminaries, which are of almost endless variety.

Two carefully chosen ricefields, to the east and west of the old capital, have to be selected, the soil prepared with religious ceremonies, the seed planted, tended in its growth, and harvested and stored in specially built granaries, all with much ritual and ceremony, according to rites the origin of which is buried in the mists of antiquity.

These and other constructive undertakings will be carried out quietly during the next few months, including the building of the great banquet hall in the compound of the Imperial Palace at Kyoto, in which between two and three thousand persons will be seated for the principal congratulatory event following the Enthronement. When the banquet hall has served its purpose, it will be presented to the citizens of Kyoto, and will doubtlessly be used in future years for their national welfare.

Changes In Ceremonial.

From the spectacular point of view, there will be a difference of interest to the public between the Enthronement ceremonies of 1915 and 1928. In the former year, the Emperor Taisho walked in procession from the Imperial Palace to the Nijo Palace, where the series of banquets and other entertainments were held. The distance between the two is short, but, nevertheless, the citizens were afforded an opportunity which this year perforce must be denied them.

Banquet To 3,000 Notables.

In 1915, the guests at the great banquet numbered only fifteen hundred, who were accommodated at the Nijo Palace without difficulty; this year the number is doubled, and special accommodation has to be provided. By confining the whole of the ceremonies to the Imperial Palace precincts, however, the public are debarred of the opportunity that was theirs in 1915, but some other means, we learn are already in contemplation to give the citizens their proud privilege of raising their banzai during the progress of the august ceremonies.

A 10 Days' Festival.

"Some sixteen millions of yen have been voted by the Imperial Diet as the total cost of the Enthronement ceremonies, which last from start to finish some sixteen days. Throughout this period, the whole Empire of eighty millions of people will live in tense expectation, and great will be the rejoicing when the immemorial act is accomplished, the Emperor returns to his capital, and the "Captains and the Kings depart."

Everything else during the present year will sink almost into insignificance compared with what is to take place in Kyoto, for as the hour draws nigh everything will be subservient to it and will be governed by it.

THE LEE HYSAN MURDER.

HOW MACAO RECEIVED THE NEWS.

HOPES OF AN ARREST DIMINISHING.

POLICE HARD AT WORK.

Knowing that the late Mr. Lee Hysan had had many business interests in Macao, a *Daily Press* representative has been meeting the Macao boats for the last two days to ascertain from passengers from the Portuguese Colony how the news of Mr. Lee Hysan's murder was received.

It was stated that when the news of the murder reached Macao a few hours after its occurrence there was a prolonged bursting of firecrackers from Chinese residences and business houses. A large number of Chinese who had an interest in the Opium Monopoly frankly rejoiced at the news of the outrage.

In an interview with about thirty passengers, our representative learned that undoubtedly there were celebrations and merry-making in the Chinese hotels and sing song houses that night, and fire-cracker dealers did a roaring trade.

Police Leave No Stone Unturned.

Although the Police have as yet found no very hopeful clue they are nevertheless making the most diligent investigation into the murder of Mr. Lee Hysan.

No stone had been left unturned and everyone living in that vicinity had been closely examined and statements taken from them. The hunt for the murderer is in progress all over the Colony and the most astute detectives, European and Chinese, in the Force are following up the slenderest clues.

More Conflicting Versions.

The statements gathered so far, when compared and analysed at Headquarters, proved to be most conflicting. The less educated Chinese, of course, have very active imaginations and any theory that strikes them is unhesitatingly given as what they had seen. This has hampered the Police to a very great extent as with nearly every new statement they have to reconsider the whole position.

One of the earlier stories was that one man dressed in black striped trousers, black shoes and socks was seen running away from the scene of the tragedy. Now another story is told of a boy and a man leaving the scene of the murder in haste. Although the author of this information was quite definite on this point, he could not give even a vague description of either the man or the boy. He only made the obvious remark that he thought the boy was an accomplice.

The Threatening Letters.

The Police are now working on the threatening letters which had been sent to Mr. Lee Hysan. This is the most promising line of investigation but even that provides only the slenderest chance of results. The writers of those letters took every precaution to conceal their origin and to leave no vestige of a finger print.

"PRESIDENT TAFT" PASSENGERS.

Among the passengers on board the *President Taft*, which left Hong Kong for Seattle yesterday were: Dr. S. Th. Holst Weber, a noted Danist scientist, returning to his home in Leydon, Holland, after a trip to the East; the Hon. and Mrs. K. C. De, on a pleasure trip round the world, the Hon. Mr. De is attached to the British Civil Service in Calcutta; Mr. M. Schibled, who is connected with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, travelling to Shanghai; Mr. J. P. Braga, the local representative of Reuters and a well-known Hong Kong resident, travelling to Shanghai; Mr. J. C. Huston, Consul of the U.S., travelling to Shanghai, Mr. Huston was for sometime attached to the Consulate in Canton; Capt. and Miss E. I. M. Barrett, returning to Shanghai, Capt. Barrett is the Commissioner of Police in Shanghai and is also well-known in Interport Cricket circles; Mr. S. M. Churn, head of the Union Trading Co., Hong Kong, travelling to Shanghai; Mr. W. L. Chung, connected with the American Asiatic Underwriters, travelling to Shanghai; Mr. F. L. Lamothe, representing Eli Lilley & Co., travelling home on furlough.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of above Club will take place in the CLUB HOUSE, on FRIDAY, THE 4TH MAY, at 6 P.M.

BUSINESS:—As posted on the Notice Board in the Club House.

R. LAPSLEY,
Hon. Secretary.
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CHINESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL.

A NEW CLASS FOR BEGINNERS in the Study of Colloquial CANTONESE will be Started on MONDAY, 14TH MAY, 1928, in the BOARD ROOM of the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (Over the CHARTERED BANK).

CLASSES will be held on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS from 5.15 to 6.15 P.M. Students also receive Daily Individual Tuition.

Further Particulars may be obtained from the Undersigned.

M. F. KEY,
Secretary.

GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
Hong Kong, 2nd May, 1928. [6212

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS OF RICHARD JENTOFT, LATE CAPTAIN OF THE NORWEGIAN S.S. "SOLVIKEN" AND FORMERLY OF BERGEN IN THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY, DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of Section 58 of the Probate Ordinance 1897, made An Order Limiting the Time for Creditors and Others to send in their Claims against the above Estate to the 2ND DAY OF JUNE, 1928.

All Creditors and Others are accordingly hereby required to send in their Claims to the Undersigned on or before that Date.

Dated this 2nd day of May, 1928.

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,
Solicitors for the Administratrix,
Prince's Building, Ice House Street,
Hong Kong. [6214

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS OF MARIE JOSEPH HENCKEL, LATE OF 10 PASSAGE MAILLOT BELVEDERE IN THE FRENCH PROTECTORATE, TUNIS, DECEASED.

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Solicitors for the Administratrix,
with the Will annexed
Prince's Building, Ice House Street,
Hong Kong. [6215

THE CHINESE ENGINEERING & MINING CO., LIMITED.

PAYMENT OF INTERIM DIVIDEND ON SHARES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1928.

THE Board having declared An INTERIM DIVIDEND of Two Shillings Per Share, free of Income Tax, for the Year ending 30th JUNE, 1928, Holders of Bearer Shares and Holders of Dividend Warrants received from London on account of Registered Shares, will be paid their Dividends on presenting Coupon No. 32 of the Bearer Shares, and Dividend Warrants on Registered Shares, to either of the following Banks:—

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THE BANQUE BELGE POUR L'ETRANGER.

The Payment will be made in Dollars at the Buying Rate of Exchange of the day.

THE KAILAN MINING ADMINISTRATION,
P. C. YOUNG,
General Manager.
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A GRAND CONCERT

IN THE HALL OF THE

DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

ON SATURDAY NEXT, MAY 5TH, 1928, from 8.30 to 10.30 P.M. The Full Band of the 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (By kind permission of Lieut. Colonel J. D. Boyd, D.S.O., Officer Commanding and the Officers), Mr. JOHN BRAGA, Mr. H. G. GLOVER and the QUEEN'S MALE VOICE CHOIR.

TICKETS—Adults $1.00
Do. —Scholars & Children .50

Proceeds to Equipment Fund.

Tickets can be obtained from Scholars and at the School Office.

SPECIAL BUSES will Run from MOSCROP FIRE STATION. [6206

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HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (Weather Permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 5TH MAY, 1928, Commencing at 2.30 P.M.

The First Bell will be Rung at 2 P.M.

The Charge for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be $1.00 for all Persons including Ladies.

Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform Half Price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each Member has the right to introduce 2 Non-members to the Members' Enclosure, Tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. LINSTEAD & DAVIS, at $5.00 Each Up to FRIDAY, 4TH MAY, 1928.

The Charge for Admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be $2.00.

Each Member can obtain, upon application to the SECRETARY, Badges for Admission of 2 Ladies Free of Charge.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the Precincts of the HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB during the Race Meeting. [6192

MACAO RACES.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the EIGHTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SUNDAY, 13TH MAY, 1928 (Weather Permitting), may be obtained from the I.R.R.C. MACAO, CAUSEWAY BAY STABLES, and ROZOR ADVERTISING CO., Exchange Building.

Entries CLOSE at MACAO, 2.30 P.M., THURSDAY, 3RD MAY [6185

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on THURSDAY, the 17TH MAY, 1928, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended the 31st DECEMBER, 1927.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 3RD to the 17TH MAY, 1928, Both Days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Agents.
Hong Kong, 26th April, 1928. [6172

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the Head Office, UNION BUILDING, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 25TH MAY, 1928, at 11 O'CLOCK A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st DECEMBER, 1927, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 9TH MAY to 25TH MAY, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 1st May, 1928. [6205

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, UNION BUILDING, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 25TH MAY, 1928, at 11.15 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st DECEMBER, 1927, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 9TH MAY to 25TH MAY, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 1st May, 1928. [6207

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, UNION BUILDING, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 25TH MAY, 1928, at 11.20 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st DECEMBER, 1927, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 9TH MAY to 25TH MAY, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 1st May, 1928. [6208

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NOTICE.

WE have Authorised MR. TERENCE CHRISTOPHER THOMAS BECK to Sign Per Procuration for Our Firm in Hong Kong.

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UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.
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NOTICE.

THE Undersigned resumes Charge of the above-named Companies as From THIS DATE.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 1st May, 1928. [6197

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

IT IS NOTIFIED for General Information that as From 30TH APRIL, 1928, and until the Structural Alterations to the Present Offices are completed the COLONIAL SECRETARIAT will occupy the 3RD FLOOR of the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, FRENCH BUILDING, QUEEN'S ROAD.

E. R. HALLIFAX,
Colonial Secretary.
27th April, 1928. [6189

G. R.

SALE OF H.M.S. "ROBIN."

TENDERS are invited up to the 24TH MAY, for the purchase of the above named Vessel as she lies in the Basin at H.M. NAVAL DEPOT, KOWLOON.

Full particulars of the Vessel and Conditions of Sale, and Permits to view, may be obtained on application to the NAVAL STORE OFFICER, H.M. DOCKYARD, Hong Kong, and Tender forms will be issued on payment of a deposit of $200, returnable when decision on the Tenders has been reached.

The vessel will be on View at H.M. NAVAL DEPOT, KOWLOON, from the 2ND MAY.

If required for further Service the Ship can be sold to British Nationals only. If bought for breaking up the vessel to be completely broken up within 12 Months from date of purchase.

Tenders will be received in the Office of the NAVAL STORE OFFICER, H.M. DOCKYARD, up to NOON on THURSDAY, 24TH MAY.
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G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 7TH DAY OF MAY, 1928, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Lai Chi Kok in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st JULY, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of HIS MAJESTY THE KING, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1130.	Lai Chi Kok.	As per sale plan				60,000	276	18,000

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			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
2	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1132.	Prince Edward Road, Kowloon City.	As per sale plan				About 5,510	26	6,937.50

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TO LET.

A FLAT in HUMPHREYS BUILDINGS, KOWLOON.—Apply to HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD., ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS. [6201

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The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, MAY 3RD, 1928.

REFORMING THE RATING SYSTEM.

THE most interesting feature of Mr. CHURCHILL'S Budget is the proposal to reform the rating system in England. It is a great pity that these changes should be necessary for the British method of raising money for local administration by a tax on property *ad valorem* is an extremely good one. It is assessed levied and collected by authorities elected for each district by the people who pay it, namely the occupiers of property. Unfortunately, it has been exploited and abused by the Socialist Party whose policy is to make industry impossible and revolution inevitable. In certain urban areas where expenditure has been flagrantly indefensible the Minister of Health has been able under a special act of Parliament to suspend the Board of Guardians and to appoint commissioners to take over their powers and duties. But the Board of Guardians is only one of several authorities armed with rating powers and to give the Government of the day the right to step in and supercede local administration, when it thinks fit, would be a constitutional revolution and one which Municipalities with their age old charters and privileges would justly resent. Under a Socialist government such a measure might have a boomerang effect, for most local authorities are fairly conservative when it comes to the ratepayer's money, and, as they are at present constituted, they would act as an effective brake on the actual administration of extravagant and class legislation.

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But because of changing conditions and abuse by Socialist majorities some readjustment of rating methods has become essential. It was obviously unjust, for example, that farmers should have to pay rates to make County Council roads for motorists, and, very rightly, they have already been given a large measure of rating relief, and pay on agricultural land a proportion of what is exacted on other property. Mr. CHURCHILL proposes to extend this principle both to factories and railways. The paralysis of industry in South Wales, largely owing to rate levies of Socialist controlled authorities, and the warning that Vickers, Ltd., might have to move from Sheffield, whose Corporation follows similar tactics, have evidently convinced the Government that it is time to take protective measures.

Mr. CHURCHILL'S proposals are not without their subtlety. It is largely by the rates on railways and factories that local authorities subsist. To place these beyond their reach is to withdraw supplies with a vengeance. If Sheffield and Poplar wish to continue paying dustmen four pounds a week and relieving parents of responsibilities for their children's footwear and mid-day meals the money will have to be raised almost exclusively on house property. If they do not like it householders will be driven to the long neglected task of going to the municipal poll and bundling the "Utopians" out of office in favour of sane administrators. Even though rates were high many of the poorer ratepayers, who supported the spend thrifts, comforted themselves by the thought that they were getting a lot for their money and that in any case, while the brewery, the railway and the factories had to pay up heavily, their own contribution was not too large as the Corporation took good care to assess house property at an exceedingly low figure. In fact all the abuses were arising that grow out of the situation when one section of the community levies taxes for its own benefit upon an entirely different section and itself escapes "scot free."

The whole thing is regrettable in the extreme and the changes, necessary though they are, will not make for good government. It means more centralisation of Government, for, with less money being raised locally, grants from the various government departments will become larger and this entails closer supervision of their expenditure. The practical outcome is more and more office work, with inquiries, arbitrations and delays hampering any authority that shows enterprise and originality. One can only hope that it will expedite the exposure of the "wild men" of politics and lead to the final extinction of their influence. Then it will be possible to delegate more, instead of less freedom to local authorities, which is really one of England's greatest needs, but such freedom can only be given when there is no chance of these powers being abused.

One British case of diphtheria was reported from Aberdeen on Tuesday and one Chinese case of small-pox from Victoria.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club will be held at the Club House tomorrow (Friday) at 6 p.m.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending April 14th amounted to 111,323 tons, and the sales during the period to 143,650 tons.

A Chinese was fined $5 at the Police Court yesterday for taking a pointer bitch across the harbour without a permit. He was also fined $5 for having no dog license.

A Chinese constable was charged before Major C. Willson yesterday morning with desertion from the Force in 1923, His Worship, passed sentence of six months' hard labour.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed yesterday morning by Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy, on Tsang Yuk Fai, an accountant of the Fuk Wah printing firm, for the embezzlement of $330, money belonging to that firm.

A "chow" dog, belonging to Mr. W. Simpson of No. 39, Jordan Road, Kowloon, was removed by the police to the Mataukok depot for observation after it had bitten a Chinese. The injured man went to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

A Chinese woman named Ng Fum died from lysol poisoning soon after her admission to the Kwong Wah Hospital from her house, No. 63, Nathan-road, Kowloon. She is believed to have swallowed the poison with the intention of committing suicide.

A Chinese hawker living at No. 89, Third-street, West Point, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from scalds received as the result of a pot of boiling fat falling on him while he was making cakes. He was injured in the face, arms and body.

A Chinese hawker of Taipo market, was drowned in Taipochong river whilst gathering shells. He had been in the water for over an hour when observers saw him throw up his hands and disappear under the water. The body was recovered and removed to the Kowloon mortuary.

A motor-car No. 201, while being driven in Queen's Road West by a Chinese driver skidded at Central Street and knocked down a Chinese girl. The car continued in its skid and also knocked down a gas lamp standard. The child was immediately removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to her leg.

Mr. B. Pasco, of Messrs. Brewer & Co., has now returned to business after an absence of 10 weeks due to his football accident in February. Mr. Pasco was fortunately insured against accident by the General Accident Fire & Life Assurance Corporation, Ltd., for whom the local agents are James H. Backhouse, Ltd. (6)

An Autao farmer named Tang Ying Kiu, living in Pathang village, in the Wongtoishan district, reported to the police that at 10 p.m., on April 29th, a bullock belonging to him was killed as the result of dynamite being thrown into the cattle shed. He suspects that the animal was killed by a clansman out of revenge.

A Chinese has complained that his pocket was picked while he was passing the Old Fire Brigade station on Des Voeux Road Central, and three cheques, two of $500, and one of $1,000 were stolen from him. The police detained a man on whom $42 was found, but no trace was found of the cheques. The man denied that he was the pick-pocket.

The orchestra of Lane, Crawford's Restaurant has since they gave up tea dances been moved into the middle of the floor, and new musicians have taken the place of the jazz band which formerly played during the tea and dinner hours. The new orchestra which consists of two violins and a piano plays selections of light modern and classical music which are very much appreciated by all the patrons of the restuarant.

Members and subscribers of the Peak Club are reminded that the finals of the Badminton tournament will be played off to-day (Thursday) at 6 p.m.

Among passengers leaving here yesterday by the s.s. *President Taft* for Shanghai were Capt. E. I. M. Barrett, Commissioner of Police in Shanghai, and the well known interport cricketer, accompanied by Miss Barrett; Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. J. C. Hurston, U.S. Consul at Canton; and Mr. S. M. Churn, of the Union Trading Company, Hong Kong.

The rainfall during April as recorded at the Botanic Gardens totalled 0.66 inches. Of this 4.32 inches fell on the 21st, .4 of an inch on the 20th, 1.20 inches on the 19th and .22 of an inch on the 18th. There was also .2 of an inch on the 23rd. A part from this "wet patch" there was fine weather all through the month, small sprinkles of rain being measured on 7 other days.

Lane, Crawfords, Ltd., have opened a new branch in Nathan Road, Kowloon. It opens out of the lately enlarged premises of the Dairy Farm Co. and groceries, bread and cakes are on sale there. This new venture will be much welcomed by residents of Kowloon who used formerly to have to cross the harbour in order to get their supplies from Exchange Building.

FUNERAL.

MR. J. W. FAULKNER BURIED AT HAPPY VALLEY.

The funeral of the late Mr. J. W. Faulkner, whose death has already been announced in these columns, took place at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon in the presence of many friends and members of the staff of the General Electric Company of China where the deceased was employed. The Rev. W. Walton Rogers officiated at the graveside.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith, Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Spittles, Miss H. D. Sawyer, Messrs. P. T. Farrell, W. J. Stokes, A. W. E. Davidson, A. B. Raworth, L. P. Thomas, B. Wylie, H. J. Hunter, F. W. Stapleton, J. W. Baldwin, C. C. Mitchell, H. Nish, A. W. Ingram, A. W. Eastman, Stirling, Owen, W. Jack, F. C. Neville, Longfield, F. X. Remedios, A. F. de Silva, E. da Roza, B. Xavier, A. Gutterres and Lau Fook Ki.

A wreath was sent from "His Loving Wife and Children"; among other floral tributes were those from the Rev. and Mrs. W. Walton Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson, R. F. Mitchell, F. O'D. Gourdin, J. Wattie, J. F. Anderson, H. L. Saint, A. F. de Silva, A. Gutterres, J. M. Jack, J. H. Hunt, D. Tollan, A. N. Mackenzie, A. W. Ingram, B. Wylie, R. Wallace, J. Hunt, Samuel Nelson, W. J. Stokes, F. C. Neville, W. Goldenberg, Basil Raworth, F. C. Neville, L. B. Gomes, F. W. Stapleton, F. X. d'Almada Remedios, D. G. Cavins, A. W. E. Davidson, H. P. Allgood, Vickers, Mitford, T. B. Mudie, J. W. Baldwin and Brian, P. T. and Miss Farrell, H. E. Scriven and Betty, E. W. White and family, J. A. Sanh and family, C. Mitchell and Doris, J. P. Robinson and Bonnie.

Mrs. A. Hopwar and Miss Hopwar, Mrs. J. A. Craig, Mrs. Woolley and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Pass and Mrs. Vesecona, Misses L. Gomes and G. Collaco, Mrs. W. J. Edwards, Miss E. Allen, Mrs. Normington, Mrs. Spittles, Miss H. D. Sawyer, Mrs. A. W. Smith, Miss L. Gomes.

Messrs. P. Sands, L. P. Thomas, E. A. da Roza and B. Xavier, Lau Hon, J. L. Goldenberg, A. W. Eastman, R. D. Thomas, E. Thompson.

Directors and members of Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, Messrs. William C. Jack & Co., Ltd., Bradley & Co., Ltd., Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, Staff of General Electric Company, Chinese Staff of the General Electric Company, Meter Department of the Hong Kong Electric Company, Members of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Diocesan School, Class 6, St. Andrew's Church Vestry, Kowloon Store.

THE CHINESE WAR MEMORIAL.

The War Memorial, erected by the Imperial War Graves Commission, at the top of the steps leading to the Public Gardens, in honour of all Chinese who lost their lives in the Great War, will be unveiled by H.E. The Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., at 9 a.m. on Sunday morning.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 6 p.m., stated:—

The anti-cyclone is stationary and has increased slightly in intensity. A depression remains to the south of Japan.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate, cloudy, rain.

NORTHERNERS TO DEFEND TSINGTAO.

CHRISTIAN GENERAL'S SUCCESS AT CHANGTE.

MARSHAL CHANG TSO LIN'S URGENT CONFERENCE.

FENGTIENESE DEFEAT IN NORTHERN SHANSI.

The immediate movements of Nationalist forces, following on the capture of Tsinan, make the situation appear very ominous for the Northern cause. Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang has won a victory over the Fengtienese north of Changte, which is on the Peking-Hankow Railway close to the Chihli border. A *Reuter* message states that the Northerners have gone right back to Paoting to take their place in the main Paoting Tehchow defence line. If this report is true Marshal Feng will necessarily gain a much larger measure of control of the railway.

A late *Reuter* message reports a defeat of the Northerners by the Shansi Tupan near Tatung. 3,500 wounded from this town have already reached Peking. The Northerners on this front also are prepared to retreat to the main defence line, but if the Northern Shansi forces are left to their own devices, it looks as though they will be able to outflank this line. Marshal Chang Tso Lin has called a conference to consider what steps shall be taken should the Southerners threaten Tientsin and Peking.

Meanwhile in Shantung many of the defeated Northern troops, under the command of General Tsoh Peng Ting, have sought refuge in Tsingtao. The Southerners have captured Kaomei and are closing in on Tsingtao, but it is reported that the Fengtienese in this city are prepared to surrender.

All is quiet in Tsinan, where Nationalists and Japanese have joined together to preserve order. The Nanking Foreign Minister, Mr. Huang Fu, has gone to Tsinan to deal with any matters which may arise between these two forces.

FENGTIEN DEFEAT IN NORTH SHANSI.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, May 2nd.

It is reported and generally believed that the Ankuochun have been defeated in North Shansi and forced to withdraw to Tatungfu. 3,500 wounded from Tatungfu arrived here to-day.

THE SHANSI FRONT.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, May 2nd.

The Fengtienese forces now operating against General Yen Shih Shan in Northern Shansi are prepared to withdraw to strengthen their main defence line against the Southerners.

CHANG TSO LIN IN CONFERENCE.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, May 2nd.

On hearing that Tsinan had fallen, Marshal Chang Tso Lin immediately called an important meeting in the Ankuochun headquarters, to discuss plans to be taken in case the Southerners threaten Tientsin and Peking. The result of the meeting has not yet been divulged.

MORE MANCHURIAN TROOPS.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, May 2nd.

In view of the critical situation of Tehchow in consequence of the fall of Tsinan, Marshal Chang Tso Lin has ordered General Wu Chun Seng, Tupan of Kirin, to mobilise more Manchurian troops and move them to the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, while the defence of Tehchow is temporarily entrusted to General Ho Feng Lin, formerly garrison commander of Shanghai.

TEHCHOW DEFENCE LINE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, May 1st.

General Wu Chun Sheng, who recently arrived with the object of superintending the defence system at Tehchow, has returned to Manchuria, presumably in order to raise more men and money.

General Ho Seng Lin, the War Minister, has been appointed to command the rearguard at Tehchow, instead of General Wu Chun Sheng.

CONDITIONS IN CHEFOO.

NORTHERN DEMAND FOR BUSES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CHEFOO, May 2nd.

The situation is quiet. Strict martial law is being enforced. Many officials, including General Chang Tsung Chang's family, are leaving by night for Dairen, or moving to private houses.

It is anticipated that the local police and soldiers will remain neutral and turn over to the Nationalist side soon.

It is feared that bandits may take the opportunity to enter the city, but the soldiers are digging trenches to repel them, and no danger to foreigners is anticipated.

The defeated Northerners have telegraphed from Weihsien for fifty motor buses, which have not been sent.

MARSHAL FENG'S SUCCESS.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, May 2nd.

The Fengtienese troops to the north of Changteh have been completely routed by Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang's troops who have taken a large number of Fengtienese prisoners and over three thousand rifles.

NORTHERN RETREAT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, May 2nd.

The Northerners have evacuated Changteho and Hantan and are falling back along the Peking-Hankow Railway. They are probably going to Paotingfu and are preparing to take up positions on the Paotingfu and Tehchow defence line.

ATTACK ON TSINGTAO.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, May 2nd.

The Southerners under General Chao Wan Sun, who is fighting the Northerners in south-east Shantung, intended to attack Kaomei from Chuchen. When they heard of the capture of Tsinan by the Kuomintang army, they abandoned this plan and will move to attack Tsingtao, where Tsoh Peng Ting, a Northern general, is putting up a defence against the Southerners.

JAPAN CO-OPERATES WITH SOUTHERNERS.

NORTHERN RESISTANCE AT TSINGTAO.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TSINGTAO, May 1st.

The Japanese troops in Tsinanfu are successfully co-operating with the Southerners in the maintenance of peace and order.

In the meantime, the Southerners have occupied Posban, which is 50 miles each of Tsinanfu on the branch line of the Shantung Railway.

Many Northerners are entering Tsingtao, where they are proposing to put up a resistance. Japanese naval and military forces are guarding the electric power-house, the waterworks and other public utility companies.

Main Body Delayed.

TSINGTAO, May 2nd.

The Japanese main force, under General Fukuda, whose trains were temporarily detained at Changtien, has reached Putsih, 50 miles from Tsinanfu, from which, if the trains are unable to proceed further, the troops will probably march to Tsinanfu.

IN CHARGE OF TSINAN.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, May 2nd.

Marshal Chiang Kai Shek arrived at Tsinan this morning. His first step was to appoint General Fang Chun Wu as garrison commander of Tsinan.

DIPLOMATIC MATTERS.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, May 2nd.

At the request of Marshal Chiang Kai Shek, Mr. Huang Fu, Foreign Minister of the Nanking Government, proceeded to Tsinan from Hsuchow yesterday for the purpose of taking in hand diplomatic matters, chiefly concerning Japan.

EGYPTIAN ASSEMBLIES BILL.

PUBLIC ANXIETY.

RECEPTION OF THE REPLY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CAIRO, May 2nd.

The question on every lip is "Will the Egyptian reply be considered satisfactory, or will British warships steam into Alexandria and Port Said to-night?"

The public appear more depressed than excited. It is fairly safe to say that there is not a single Egyptian who does not regard the Assemblies Bill as dead, whatever words were used in the Cabinet's reply to Britain. Still there is the knowledge that the ultimatum was in very definite terms, and admits of no equivocation: hence the uncertainty as to how the day will end.

Postponement Useless.

LONDON, May 1st.

Lord Birkenhead, in the course of a speech at a dinner given by the Ladies' Imperial Club, explained the implications of the Public Assemblies Bill, which the Egyptian Government had proposed to make law.

He added that no object could be served by merely postponing discussion of the measure for never can a country with Imperial responsibilities and with obligations to other European nations and with a vital necessity for maintaining its own Imperial communications, agree to legislation of the kind.

"Never, in my opinion," continued Lord Birkenhead, "will Britain under any Government so agree to legislation like this."

CAIRO, May 1st.

The Reply to the British Note has been delivered at the Residency.

It states that the postponement of the Bill is the only possible constitutional procedure.

WORLD'S MOST VALUABLE LAND.

£115 A SQUARE FOOT.

"CHIMNEY CORNER" BOUGHT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, May 2nd.

The American Exchange Irving Trust Company has bought the historic "Chimney Corner" at No. 1, Wall Street, along with the adjoining lots for over £1,500,000 sterling. The purchasers will erect a forty-six storey bank office.

The building corner was assessed at £115 sterling a square foot, and is believed to be the most valuable plot of its size in the world.

CREDIT FOR THE CAPTURE.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, May 2nd.

A Kuomintang official report says that the credit for the taking of Tsinan is partly owing to the soldiers' bravery and partly to a flank attack made by General Fong Chen Wu and Sun Liang Cheng on Chaishiu, an outpost strongly defended by the Northerners for the protection of Tsinan. When the central column of Southerners had succeeded in taking Chaishiu they were met with scarcely any further resistence during their course of their advance to Tsinan suburbs.

FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

ALL QUIET IN TSINAN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, May 2nd.

Marshal Chiang Kai Shek yesterday afternoon left Yenchow for Tsinan to which city he is moving his field headquartere.

General Fong Chen Wu, whose cavalry corps is stated to have been largely responsible for the capture of Tsinan, has been appointed Garrison Commander of it.

A *Kuo Min* message states that the Nationalists have captured Chuchen and Kaomi, which is 15 miles north-west of Kiaochow. It adds that Tsoh Peng Ting, who is commanding the Shantung forces at Tsingtao, is making overtures to the Nationalists for surrender.

The situation at Tsinan continues to be quiet. All business houses and shops, which have hitherto been closed for fear of looting by Shantung troops, are re-opening. Women and children are appearing in the streets as usual.

HARBIN RAILWAY BRIDGE.

ATTEMPTED DESTRUCTION.

HARBIN, April 24th.

Mystery envelops the recent attempt to blow up a railway bridge on the eastern section of the Chinese Eastern Railway near Hailin station.

The attempt was carried out in broad daylight and the detonation was heard by station employees, who hurried to the spot. One stone support was found damaged and several ribs were blown away. A length of fuse was lying nearby.

Traffic had to be stopped for more than twelve hours.—*Manila Times.*

SHANGHAI TRADE REVIVAL.

HEAVY IMPORT REVENUE.

EXCELLENT FIGURES FOR APRIL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, May 2nd.

An extraordinary revival of trade in Shanghai is shown by the revenue from imports collected by the Customs during April.

The first quarter showed a decrease of revenue compared with last year of about 550,000 Haikuan taels, but in April alone there has been an increase of 650,000 taels.

HUGE SUSPENSION BRIDGE.

SINGLE SPAN OF A MILE.

U.S. BUSINESS MEN'S SCHEME.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, May 2nd.

A group of business men have submitted to the Federal State Authorities a proposal to construct a gigantic suspension bridge between Brooklyn and Staten Island, to replace the present ferry system. The bridge will be 4,500 feet long and will stand 235 feet above high water. The cost will be £12,000,000 sterling, and it will be the longest single span bridge in the world.

JAPANESE CRISIS.

HOME MINISTER TO RESIGN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, May 2nd.

Late last evening after a long Session, the Cabinet decided upon a re-organisation, and it is understood that the Home Minister and a number of minor officials are tendering their resignations.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO STAND.

ONE CHANGE IN CABINET.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, May 2nd.

The Government has decided that it is unnecessary to resign as the elections have resulted in approval of its policy. The Cabinet will remain unchanged with the exception of the appointment of a successor to the defeated Labour Minister, M. Fallieres, who has resigned but will remain in office till the end of the month.

BULGARIA STRUCK BY CYCLONE.

SEVENTY INJURED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SOFIA, May 2nd.

A cyclone has devastated north Bulgaria, especially damaging Starazagora, unroofing houses and partially destroying the mosque.

The population, already nervous from the earthquake, were stricken afresh with panic. Seventy were injured.

DISAPPEARANCE OF PRINCE CAROL.

FOUND IN SURREY COUNTRY HOUSE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 1st.

The ex-Crown Prince Carol, of Rumania, who disappeared under mysterious circumstances from his residence in Paris, has now been traced to a mansion in Surrey, where he is staying with his companion, Madame Lupescu.

The arrival of the ex-Crown Prince in England was not known even to the Rumanian Legation.

The owner of the mansion ascribes the visit of Prince Carol to his desire for quiet and rest, and adds that the duration of the stay depends on the immediate developments in the political situation in Rumania.

AIR ROUTE TO EUROPE.

COL. LINDBERGH'S SCHEME.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, May 1st.

Colonel Lindbergh is considering the possibilities of the establishment of an air route to Europe, planning to embrace Greenland and Iceland.

It is understood that he has been discussing the question with Mr. Kellogg, the Secretary of State, and other officials.

U.S. FERRY DISASTER.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, May 1st.

Eight were drowned in the capsizing of a ferry boat at Union Town, Pennsylvania.

U.S.S. "LEXINGTON."

BLADING OF TURBINE CRACKED.

32 KNOTS ON TRIAL.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, May 2nd.

Mr. Wilbur has revealed that the postponement of the tests of the aircraft-carrier *Lexington* was due to the appearance of cracks in the blading of a turbine.

The defect was thought to be due to vibration, but nevertheless the vessel attained 32 knots.

An earlier cable from San Francisco stated that Captain Karns has announced to Pressmen that the U.S.S. *Lexington* made only 22 knots on her trial run, but he expressed the opinion that the vessel would reach the required speed of 33 knots.

MAY DAY IN EUROPE.

RIOTING IN WARSAW.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES BY POLICE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 1st.

The May Day celebrations in London were more effectively organised than for some time past, large processions being held. The celebrations passed off quite quietly.

An entirely new note was struck by the novel attire of a large number of women and girls who joined in—smart khaki uniforms and scarlet berets.

There was a sprinkling of men in khaki with red ties.

Paris Quiet.

PARIS, May 1st.

Extraordinary precautions were taken by the Police to prevent disturbances during the May Day celebrations, but hitherto the care taken has been rendered unnecessary by the orderly behaviour of the demonstrators.

All the banks, most of the shops and many factories continued open as usual. A few obstructionists were arrested.

Fight Between Rival Factions.

WARSAW, May 1st.

Conflicts between Socialists and Communists arose out of the May Day demonstrations, resulting in serious bloodshed in different parts of the city.

The most serious affrays occurred in the City Hall Square. Mass meetings were being held by the rival parties, revolver shots were fired and a free fight ensued.

Two Rioters Killed.

In the course of the rioting, over fifty casualties occurred, two men being killed.

Elsewhere in Poland, the celebrations passed off quietly, though at Lemberg, the Police last night took the precautionary measure of arresting seventy Communists and detaining them.

Moscow's Great Spectacle.

MOSCOW, May 1st.

Millions attended a remarkable May Day demonstration following a spectacular military parade in the presence of prominent members of the Government and the Diplomatic Corps.

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL TROUBLE.

IRON WORKS CLOSED AND GUARDED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

JAMSHEDPUR, May 1st.

A more serious situation appears to be developing in connection with the strike at the Tata Iron and Steel Works. The management has decided to close down the rolling mills.

Troops and armed police are keeping guard over the area, but up to the present the strikers have been peaceful.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE KILLED.

VICTIM OF FLYING CRASH.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, May 1st.

Mr. Thaddeus C. Sweet, a member of the House of Representatives for nineteen years, was killed instantly in a forced landing here to-day on returning from Washington by air.

The pilot was injured but not seriously.

Mr. Sweet is the first Congressman who has been killed in a flying accident.

SUDDEN DEATH OF P. & O. CAPTAIN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SYDNEY, May 1st.

Captain P. C. E. Dayns, the commander of the P. & O. liner *Naldera*, collapsed on the deck when 200 miles from here, and died.

BANQUETS TO BREMEN FLIERS.

PATRICIA A POPULAR FAVOURITE.

AIR TOUR OF STATES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, May 2nd.

After a banquet given by the City of New York in their honour, at which nearly 4,000 prominent citizens were present and cheered them heartily, the Atlantic fliers went to Washington this morning to fulfil a crowded programme of receptions and entertainments.

Little Patricia Fitzmaurice has become a great popular favourite. She was crowned Queen of the May by 500 children in Central Park yesterday.

NEW YORK, May 1st.

As the result of numerous requests from all over the country, the "Bremen" Transatlantic fliers have decided to make an air tour of America, stopping at the principal cities.

ANTI-PROHIBITION AHEAD.

CALIFORNIAN PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

LURE OF THE UNKNOWN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2nd.

In the important Primary Elections now being held in California, the chief interest is centred in the three-cornered contest for the composition of the State Delegation to the Democratic National Convention. The struggle is between the supporters of Governor A. E. Smith of New York, Senator T. J. Walsh of Montana and Senator J. A. Reed of Missouri.

Incomplete returns show a large majority for Smith over both his opponents combined, despite the fact that he is an unknown personality in California, and his opponents had made a determined attempt to stir up local sentiment against him on the ground that he as a Catholic and Anti-Prohibitionist.

RETURNED RESERVISTS UNEMPLOYED.

CALL FOR OFFICIAL ACTION.

1,344 STILL WITHOUT WORK.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 1st.

In the House of Commons, Mr. W. Wellock (Labour) asked whether the War Office proposed to take special measures to find employment for the 1,344 "A" Reservists, who had returned from China, and who, recently, were still unemployed.

Sir Laming Worthington-Evans replied that the names of the Reservists desiring to be registered for employment had been placed on the books of organisations engaged in obtaining work for ex-soldiers.

These organisations were making special efforts on the Reservists' behalf. The local military authorities and the Ministry of Labour has also been asked to assist.

Reports showed that a considerable number of the men had obtained work.

Mr. Wellock declared that hundreds of them had work when they were called up for China, but were now without employment. He urged that something more should be done, because only a small number had found work.

The War Secretary replied that a great many of them were without work when called up on Reserve. He was glad to think that a great many had been placed in suitable employment.

"We are all doing our utmost to get these deserving men the work they deserve."

Incomplete reports showed that over 150 of the "A" Reservists had found work.

ALSACE AUTONOMISTS' TRIAL.

A PACKED COURT.

PROCEEDINGS TRANSLATED INTO GERMAN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

COLMAR, May 1st.

The eagerly-awaited trial of Dr. Ricklin and M. Brogly, the Alsatian Autonomists who were successful in the French elections, has opened at the Assize Court here.

The Court was packed with members of the public and 350 witnesses, including many priests.

The trial is being conducted in two languages, as the accused have insisted on having the proceedings translated from French into German, on the ground that they are insufficiently acquainted with French.

LENGTHY BUDGET DISCUSSION.

CONSUMPTION OF EMPIRE TEA.

SCOPE OF PETROL TAX REDUCED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 1st.

A long discussion on tea ensued in the House of Commons to-day, following a Labour resolution that the duty a tea be reduced from 4d. to 1d. per lb. The motion occurred in the report stage of the Budget, and was rejected by 290 votes to 144.

Mr. G. Pilcher, (Conservative) dwelt at some length on the increasing use of Java tea, the consumption of which had risen to 61,000,000 lbs. in 1927, as compared with 18,000,000 lbs. in 1919.

He drew attention to the fact that during the same period the consumption of India tea had fallen to 233,000,000 lbs. as compared with 258,000,000 in 1919.

Apparently, an increasing proportion of Java tea was being used for blending with the Indian tea.

More Empire Buying.

Mr. A. M. Samuel, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, promised to consider the point made by Mr. Pilcher, but in the meantime, said it was noteworthy that last year's clearances amounted to 402,000,000 lbs. of which 330,000,000 lbs. was grown in the Empire. This compared with an average of 281,000,000 lbs. of Empire tea before the war.

The tea duty was confirmed.

Narrowing Petrol Tax.

In the course of the debate on the Budget, Mr. Winston Churchill announced that kerosene and paraffin would be omitted from the scope of the new duties, which would by this concession, be limited to products of petroleum.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer estimated that the withdrawal of the duty on kerosene would cost at least £3,000,000.

He declared that there was a good reason for the decision to tax kerosene as it helped the coal and shale industries.

Burden To Cottagers.

He was always aware that kerosene was much used by rural cottagers, and he granted the sugar relief as a counter-balance. He, however, agreed that in the country districts the kerosene tax was a greater burden than he had previously believed.

A number of amendments were made in the House in attempts to obtain a reduction of the petrol tax, but they were all defeated.

The House approved the exemption from the tax of kerosene and paraffin, and approved the duties announced in the Budget.

The Oil Companies are restoring the old price of kerosene and paraffin immediately.

CABLE AND WIRELESS CONFERENCE.

PURCHASE BY GOVERNMENT CONSIDERED.

REPORT NOT READY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 1st.

In the House of Commons, replying to questions, Mr. Baldwin said the report of the Imperial Wireless and Cable Conference had not yet been received.

No offer had been made direct to the Government with regard to the purchase of the whole means of wireless and telegraphic communications, but Mr. Baldwin understood that certain suggestions in this connection had been submitted to the Conference, which was still considering them.

Replying to another question, the Prime Minister said the Dominion Government would be communicated with before the report of the Conference could be published.

BYRD'S ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION.

NORWEGIAN VESSEL PURCHASED.

FLIGHT TO SOUTH POLE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

OSLO, May 1st.

Commander Byrd's expedition to the South Pole will be conducted from the vessel *Samson*, which has been purchased here by Commander Byrd, and has left Bergen for New York.

She is a craft of 512 tons gross, *specially built for coping with ice-floes*, and will carry Comdr. Byrd's aeroplane to the ice-barriers, three thousand miles to the south of New Zealand.

She is equipped with sails and an auxiliary motor. Comdr. Byrd's personnel for the Antarctic Expedition has been recruited from Norwegians.

M. JACQUES SCHNEIDER.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NICE, May 1st.

The death has occurred of M. Jacques Schneider, the donor of the famous Schneider Cup.

LAWN TENNIS.

INTERPORT WITH SHANGHAI.

PROVISIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION.

Arrangements are in hand for the revival of the Interport Matches with Shanghai and in all probability matters will soon be decided. Early this season Mr. D. S. Green, Hon. Secretary of the local Lawn Tennis Association, enquired of the Shanghai Association as to the prospects of an Interport this year and he was in receipt of a telegram yesterday morning from Shanghai inviting Hong Kong to send a team up at the same time as the cricketers at the end of the month. Mr. Green after being assured of the possibility of the leading players making the trip replied that in all probability Hong Kong would accept the invitation.

For some unaccountable reason, no Lawn Tennis Interport with Shanghai has been played for several years. The last one was held in the Northern Port in 1923 when the Home Side won. It is surprising therefore that Hong Kong has made no effort to recover the honours since then. In many quarters it is felt that Hong Kong would win, as the standard of play here has considerably improved and it will be interesting to see how the meeting of the two rival Ports, after such a long period, would result.

Of the leading players, T. Honda who regained the Championship a few days ago, is unable to go and his absence from the side is much regretted. E. C. Fincher will probably be included in the Interport Cricket team and if selected will kill two birds with one stone by the trip. S. A. Rumjahn, Ng Sze Kwong and H. D. Rumjahn will probably be invited.

It is not settled how many matches will be played. The Davis Cup system appears to be the most acceptable and in that case, two singles players and a doubles pair will represent each side. Four singles and a doubles matches will be played.

The composition of the probable Shanghai team is not known at present. At the present T. L. Wade is the champion and in all probability he will be one of Shanghai's singles representatives. Carnavarro, who is a topping doubles exponent and has been singles champion also, is likely to be in the team. Lum Po Wah, who would be a most valuable man for the team, is at present on his way to the United States for the Davis Cup matches. Further than that, little is known locally of the other exponents.

If the arrangements materialise, the team will leave on the 22nd inst.

OPEN DOUBLES.

LUCAS AND STEVENSON SCRATCH.

Great disappointment was expressed yesterday at the news that Major Lucas and Major Stevenson had been obliged to scratch in the semi-final of the Open Doubles Championship of the Colony to H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn, owing to the injury sustained by Major Lucas to his wrist while playing against Sajiki and Isomura last week. Tennis "fans" were thus deprived of a very interesting match, which was expected to be keenly fought out.

H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn will, therefore, meet R. Hancock and Dr. R. E. Tottenham in the final.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

HONG KONG GARRISON LEAGUE.

The special match, Winners of the League v. The Rest fixed for yesterday will be played to-day at Sookunpoo. Kick off at 5 p.m.

HOME FOOTBALL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 1st.

The following were the results of English League matches in Division III. (Northern) played to-day:—

Doncaster 5, Tranmere 2.
Rochdale 3, Accrington 2.

COUNTY CRICKET.

GLAMORGAN'S GOOD WIN.

CENTURY ON EACH SIDE.

The opening match of the season was played at Cardiff where Glamorgan beat Worcester by 33 runs.

Glamorgan made 231, of which Davies made 113, and 165. In the second innings Root took 5 wickets for 57 and Hill 4 for 50.

Fox scored 135 in Worcester's first innings, which reached 304, but in the second innings they could only make 169. Mercer took 5 wickets for 61.

WAH YAN SPORTS.

THIRD "ANNUAL" AT HAPPY VALLEY.

A SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

The third annual athletic meeting of the Wah Yan College was held on the Hong Kong Football Ground, Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon. Thanks to favourable weather, a large attendance, the loan of the ground by the H.K. Football Association, and facilities given by the Craigengower Cricket Club for tea at the Club house, the meeting was a great success.

A committee comprising Messrs. Lim Hoy Lan (President), Lui Sun Iu, Wong Tuen Po, Lo Sek Tean, Chan Wai Ming, P. A. Dragon, A. J. Mauricio, Mrs. A. E. Matthews, assisted by many ladies and gentlemen had charge of the arrangements.

A striking feature of the competitors, especially the tug-of-war team, was their fine bearing and good physical development, which reflects great credit in the training given by their capable instructor, Mr. Mauricio.

An array of championship trophies and silver cups were awaiting the successful competitors. Fung Kwok Wa, a senior competitor, carried off the championship shield and a number of challenge trophies, winning one outright.

Queen's College won the inter-school relay for the second time. There were separate races also for members of the Hong Kong Football Club and the South China Athletic Association.

Before the distribution of the prizes by Mrs. G. P. de Martin, the President (Mr. Lim Hoy Lan) thanked the donors of prizes, the Hong Kong Football Association, Craigengower C.C., the South China A.A. and others for assistance, and these present to watch the sports. He hoped that as a result of this meeting, parents will give more encouragement to their boys to take part in athletics, which helped so much in building up both physique and character. Congratulating the winners of prizes, he also had an encouraging word for those who did not win any, for it was better to have tried and lost than not to have tried at all.

Mr. G. P. de Martin expressed thanks for the honour paid to Mrs. de Martin, and paid a tribute to the hard work put in by the Committee, especially Miss White and Mr. Mauricio, and the skill shown by Mr. Lim Hoy Lan and Mr. Peter Tsui in enlisting such a band of hard workers. He was very grateful for their hospitality and wished the school every success in the future.

A bouquet of flowers was presented to Mrs. de Martin. Included in the cheers given by the boys was a "special" for a whole holiday announced for to-day.

The Prize Winners.

The following were the results in some of the principal events on the programme:—

100 Yards Senior Championship:—1, Enrique Chan; 2, Fung Kwok Wa. Junior: 1, Lee Fai Mou; 2, Cheung Hon Ming.

Throwing the Cricket Ball (open):1,Ng Chan Bong; 2, Law Pin Hung.

220 Yards Senior Championship (Challenge Cup presented by Mr. Ko Leong Hoe):—1, Fung Kwok Wah; 2, Leung Kam Kwong. Junior: 1, Lee Fai Mou; 2, Lo Yuk Chuen.

Kicking the Football (Open):—1, Wer Chun Hoi; 2, Leung Kam Kwong.

Sack Race (Open):—1, Kwok Fung Shing; 2, Fung Kwok Wa.

Long Jump, Senior Championship:—1, Enrique Chan; 2, Chan Kam Wai. Junior: 1, Cheung Hon Ming; 2, Chan Kwok Koon.

Quarter Mile Senior Championship:—1, Fung Kwok Wa; 2, Tam Sik Poon. Junior: 1, Lee Fai Mou; 2, Lo Yuk Choon.

Three-Legged Race (Open):—1, Lam Kwok Kee and Lau Ping Hung; 2, Cheung Hon Ming and Kwok Fung Sin.

Putting the Shot:—1, Kwok Fung Sin; 2, Enrique Chan.

Half Mile Open Championship (Challenge Cup presented by Past Pupils):—1, Fung Kwok Wa; 2, Tam Sik Poon.

Bicycle Race (Open):—1, Luk Man Sum; 2, Enrique Chan.

Invitation Relay Race, Inter-School:—Won by Queen's College, the 1927 winners.

Low Hurdles, Senior Championship:—1, Leung Kam Kwong; 2, Fung Kwok Wa. Junior: 1, Lau Yuk Choon; 2, Fung Kwok Wa.

High Jump, Senior Championship:—1, Chan Kam Wai; 2, Fung Kwok Wa. Junior: 1, Lo Yuk Choon; 2, Lee Fai Mou.

Relay Race, Inter-Class:—Won by 2c.

Old Boys' Union Race:—1, Chan Hon Chu; 2, Ng Tai Ping.

Teachers' Race, Handicap:—1, Miss White; 2, Mr. A. J. Mauricio; 3, Mr. A. Youngsaye.

One Mile Open Championship (Challenge Cup presented by Wing Nam):—1, Fung Kwok Wa; 2, Tam Sik Poon.

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Pole Vault (Open):—1, San Kwok Cho; 2, Tak Sik Poon.

400 Yards Race (Open to S.C.A.A. only):—1, Yik Puk Wah; 2, Tan Yan Seung.

440 Yards Race (Open to H.K.F.C. only):—1, Mr. Clark; 2, Mr. Beveridge.

Thread and Needle Race:—1, Mr. Youngsaye and partner; Mr. Chow Ching Lam and partner.

Tug of War, Inter-Class:—Won by 2c.

Obstacle Race:—1, E. Chan; 2, Fung Kwok Wa.

Consolation Race:—1, Wong Lum Chim; 2, Pang Kin Piu.

Senior Championship:—Won by Fung Kwok Wa.

Junior Championship:—Won by Lee Fai Mou.

Senior Championship Shield (Presented by the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow):—Won by Fung Kwok Wa.

RACING.

TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 2nd.

The result of the Two Thousand Guineas, run at Newmarket yesterday, was:—

1. Flamingo.
2. Royal Minstrel.
3. Ocurry.

Won by a head. A length and a half separated second and third. There were seventeen runners.

BETTING:—Flamingo 5-1; Royal Minstrel 7-2; Ocurry 33-1.

BOOKMAKER FINED £1,600.

LICENCE SUSPENDED FOR 3 MONTHS.

"SPECIAL" CLIENTS.

Fines amounting to £1,600 were imposed by Mr. Cancellor, the Marlborough-street magistrate, on Archibald Scouller, trading as Scotland and Co., bookmakers, of Regent-street, W., and his licence was suspended for three months.

The penalty imposed was the maximum of £100 each on sixteen summonses, fourteen of which were for failing to submit weekly returns of bets, one for failing to keep books for six months, and one for failing to record a bet. In addition Scouller was ordered to pay £80 costs.

£18,600 From "Special" Clients.

Mr. H. N. Harrington, prosecuting, said it was alleged that Scouller had defrauded the Revenue of between £650 and £1,000 from November to February by suppressing bets with 44 "special" clients. During that period, it was estimated, the amount received for bets from these clients was between £18,600 and £28,950. There was no record of the bets in Scouller's books.

It was further alleged, said Mr. Harrington, that Scouller had suppressed two-thirds of the volume of bets, and that for this purpose a separate set of books was kept in a suit-case and spirited away at the approach of danger.

Revenue Officers' Raid.

On March 2nd when a raid was made by Revenue officers at his offices, Scouller told the senior officer that the suitcase contained books belonging to his wife and that she had the key. The officers searched the office and found documents relating to bets, which Scouller admitted related to the "special" clients. He produced a list of accounts which showed that between November and February he had suppressed bets to the value of £7,450, the duty on which would be about £262.

Mr. Myers, defending, said Scouller had not asked his "special" clients for the tax, and had, therefore, not had the money and pocketed it as suggested. Since the Act came into force Scouller had paid £3,624 in one year in tax.

U.S. FRONTIER GOLF.

THE "19TH" HOLE IN CANADA.

NEW YORK.

An ingenious scheme has been devised by a group of wealthy Americans to enjoy a glass of whisky or a cocktail when playing golf.

They have purchased 900 acres in Richford, Vermont, for a new course, part of which lies across the international line in the province of Quebec. The clubhouse will be built on Canadian territory.

Among the syndicate is Mr. Francis Ouimet, the former champion. The club will be limited to a few wealthy sportsmen, including Canadians.

One of the features of the course will be the seventeenth hole, placed on an island in the Missisquoi river.

The "19th" hole will be in Canada. Federal officials are frankly puzzled by the scheme, but remark that the United States controls permits to pass to and fro across the international line.

ST. STEPHEN'S GIRLS' COLLEGE CONCERT.

AN ENJOYABLE PROGRAMME.

LARGE ATTENDANCE.

The annual concert of the St. Stephen's Girls' College was held last night in the School Hall. There were many friends present and the programme given was enjoyed by all.

There were fifteen items and all were well presented. The hand-bell items given by the boarders were very enjoyable three tunes being rendered without mistake. Mr. Li Chor Chi gave some songs and violin selections were played by Miss N. Acheson. Another interesting item was given by Mr. Wong Wei, with his original designs made up from fourteen pieces of cardboard.

The concert was concluded with a Chinese play acted entitled "A Hasty Conclusion" by three clever Chinese girls.

The proceeds of the concerts are to be divided amongst a school in Heung Shan near Macao, the Chinese Leper Fund, and the Mission to Seamen.

The programme was as follows:—

Part I.

2.—Songs: (a) "I See You"; (b) "The Five Watches"; The The Kindergarten.
2.—Pianoforte Duet: Selected, Moszkowski; Choy Oi Chee and Caroline Braga.
3.—Dance: "Tambourines," Caroline and Mary Braga.
4.—Violin Solo: Selected, Miss N. Acheson.
5.—Tableau in 4 scenes: "King Cophetua and the Beggar Maid," Fairlea Students. (Chinese Version).
6.—Songs: (a) "La Serenata, Tosti; (b) "Tristezza," Tosti; Mr. Li Chor Chi.
7.—Hand-bells: The Boarders.
8.—Songs: (a) "Song of the Volga Boatmen," Russian Air; (b) "Minuet," Handel; (c) "This Great World is a Trouble," Old English; The Upper School.

Interval.

Part II.

9.—Original Entertainment: Mr. Wong Wei.
10.—Songs: (a) "Land of Long Ago," Ray; (b) "In the Garden of To-morrow," Deppen: Mr. Li Chor Chi.
11.—Dance: Waltz, Daisy Woo.
12.—Song: Selected, Mrs. Watts.
13.—Violin Solo: Selected, Miss N. Acheson.
14.—Duet: "Dreaming," Traumerei; Miss Elsie Wong and Miss Bessie Chen.
15.—Chinese Play in One Act: "A Hasty Conclusion."

CHARACTERS:—Aunt Yuen Hing, aged 36 (Au Yuet Hang); Aunt Yuen Mei, aged 35 (Li Sau Man); Lai Sien, their niece (Tso Wai Ki).

The accompanists for the evening were Professor Gauldi, Mr. R. Baldwin, and girl students of the College.

£400,000 DERBY FUND.

STOCK EXCHANGE £100,000 FIRST PRIZE.

CLIENTS WHO DELAY PAYMENT.

LONDON, April 2nd.

More than £400,000 has already been subscribed to the Stock Exchange Mutual Subscription Fund—the name of the Stock Exchange Derby sweep—and the lists are not yet closed.

This figure is all the more remarkable as last year, when only £250,000 was subscribed, the result was described as a record. Members of the Stock Exchange are predicting confidently that this time £500,000 will be raised.

It is believed in the City that the first prize will be raised from £75,000 to £100,000, while last year's figures of £35,000, £20,000, and £10,000 for the second, third, and fourth prizes will be proportionately raised.

Prizes for nominated horses will probably be on a larger scale too, and there will be many other prizes of the consolation type.

Thoughtless Client.

Many brokers are complaining of inconvenience due to the thoughtlessness of friends and clients who badger them to obtain tickets but do not always send the £1 per ticket with their orders. Of course brokers have to pay cash for their purchases of tickets.

A broker said to a reporter:

Last year I bought 500 £1 tickets and was out of the bulk of my money for more than three months. This year I have had to find £600, and so far have got only £12 back.

It is not only the loss of interest that is so annoying but also the necessity of writing letters asking for payment. Some people are very thoughtless.

PHILIPPINE ISLAND MURDERERS.

FOUR YOUNG MEN ELECTROCUTED.

THREE UNDER AN ANÆSTHETIC.

MANILA, April 25th.

Immediately after the third stroke of the great Bilibid clock had ceased, indicating the hour of 3 p.m., to-day the switch was turned on the electric chair on which was seated Sawajan, the first of the Moro quartette sentenced to the extreme penalty for robbery and murder. Sawajan was semi-conscious when brought from his cell to the death chamber, partly from fear of death and partly from the effects of the anaesthesia administered to him by prison physicians.

Upon the request, and in pursuance with law, all the four prisoners were anaesthetized shortly before being brought to the electric chair. This was done in order to minimize pain as much as is humanly possible.

At 10 minutes after 3 Sawajan was taken out of the death chamber, and a few seconds later Hali was brought in. Like Sawajan, Hali was pronounced dead about 3.15.

The third to take his turn on the chair was Barahama. He, too, feared death, the guards about him having had some difficulty propping him up on his way to the electric chair. He was dead by 3.20.

The last, Asmani, was the calmest to meet his doom. He walked on his own legs when brought to the death chamber, and even talked to Director Victorio. His last words were: "Allah will take care of me!"

Asmani was not pronounced dead until a few seconds before 4 o'clock.

Bugler Sounds Taps.

At 4 o'clock sharp the bugler at Bilibid sounded taps, indicating that the execution was over. At the sound of taps all the 4,000 prisoners of Bilibid as well as everybody within the prison gates stood at attention and remained so till after the strains of the bugle had subsided.

The four men were not given any religious comforts before being executed, according to Director Victorio. This is because they professed the Mohammedan faith. They will be buried at the government plot in Cementerio del Norte, Director Victorio said.

Sawajan, Hali, Barhama and Asmani were sentenced to death by the court of first instance of Jolo, Judge J. F. Yeager presiding for robbery in hand with murder. Sentence was handed down on June 25th, 1927. The supreme court reviewed the decision of the court of first instance of Jolo and sustained it unanimously. An appeal was made to the governor general for the commutation of the death penalty, but it was turned down.

All Young Men.

The criminals were all young men, the oldest being Asmani who was 30 years old. Sawajan, only a youth of 18, had previously been sent to San Ramon Penal Colony for murder, but was later released on parole. Barahama was 20 years old, and Ali, leader of the gang, was 22 years old. Only Asmani was married, and consequently the only one to leave a widow.

Two other Moros—Arasain and Himpon—were originally included in the robbery-murder complaint, but upon motion of the fiscal of Jolo, the case against them was dismissed. They were later used as witnesses for the prosecution.

The crime was savage and cowardly the victim being fatally injured while asleep.—*Manila Times.*

OLD "WITCH" MURDERED.

TRIO'S CRIME IN ILOILO PROVINCE.

MANILA, April 23rd.

Believing him to be a witch who had caused the death of a child, Tomas Tico, 78 years old, was murdered by Pedro Tiangana, Juan Tafio and Mariano Tafio on March 25th at barrio Barosong, Tigbauan, Iloilo, according to a constabulary report. The assailants, says the report, lured the old man from the cockpit to the riverside and there murdered him. They threw his body into the river.

Charges of murder were filed against the assailants with the justice of the peace court of Tigbauan.—*Manila Times.*

WOMEN WITHOUT JEWELS.

AFRAID TO WEAR THEM IN CHICAGO.

A CITY OF GUNMEN.

NEW YORK.

Money pours like a torrent through the underworld of Chicago as the two political factions engage in a terrific struggle within a week of the local elections, says a Home paper. [These elections, it will be remembered resulted in a severe defeat for "Big Bill Thompson" the Mayor.] Senator Deneen, whose home has already been bombed, cries that he will rid the city of crime, and on the other side Mayor Thompson, with the aid of State-Attorney Robert Crowe, is fighting desperately to retain control of the great city.

Self-interest holds these two astute campaigners in opposition to Senator Deneen and they struck a superb blow.

One of the mayor's protégés, William Beatty, was shot last week by Prohibition Agents, who hold their patronage from Deneen. But the police belong to Thompson, and the police chief issued orders to "bring in the whole gang of Prohibition agents; we will see whether these rough-necks from the East can shoot up Chicago."

Machine Guns.

Armed with machine guns, rifles, and warrants, the city forces are out seeking to arrest 525 Prohibition agents. Mayor Thompson has pledged his support to prevent the citizens from suffering "at the hands of thugs and gunmen sent by the Federal Government to further Deneen's political influence."

Chicago is a gemless city. Women have so often been stripped of their jewels in the presence of their chauffeurs that they have abandoned wearing any. Hundreds of women have been robbed as they returned from theatres and night clubs. The opera, theatres, and other entertainments frequented by the wealthy are now lustreless.

It is estimated that there are 20,000 places in which liquor is sold clandestinely, and gambling dens

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are wide open with touts on the pavements soliciting business.

MANILA CRIME GANG.

FROM 18 TO 13 IN AGE.

MANY PETTY ROBBERIES.

MANILA, April 17th.

Eight youthful gangsters, the oldest of whom is but 18 years old, have been arrested within the last four days in an attempt by the Secret Service to "clean up" the series of petty thefts and robberies occuring recently in the residential districts and attributed to the "Ermita Gang."

Those arrested are from 13 to 18 years old and are headed by Adriano Osias y Dionisia, who has two previous convictions for theft and who recently escaped from the Philippine Boys Training School.

Investigation of their activities in the Ermita and Malate Districts brought to light considerable loot taken in a number of night forays.

The young delinquents have been sleeping under various empty houses in the districts where they operate, emerging at the proper hours to separate into small groups and scour the neighbourhood for the easiest "pickings." Sneak thefts probably account for the greater part of the hauls, although the gangsters do not disdain to do a little porch climbing. One or two cases of attempted robbery have been reported and are under investigation in connection with the same organization.

During the day the boys have been known to visit the tennis courts of the University of the Philippines and the Columbia Club, where they are on the look-out for valuable articles left about by careless players. The group seems to have subsisted by what they might lift from restaurants in the vicinity of their "beats."

In the Municipal Court yesterday afternoon three of the gang were convicted and were sentenced to confinement in the Philippine Training School for boys until they attain their majority.

The others were remanded.—*Manila Times.*

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WRECKED SHIP THAT VANISHED.

VOYAGE WITHOUT A CREW.

GULF STREAM CHASE.

NEW YORK.

The disappearance of the *Maurice R. Thurslow* tells a story that would have delighted the pen of Clark Russell, who loved a mystery of the sea. This fourmasted schooner was labouring happily through Atlantic waters last October carrying a timber cargo worth £6,000.

Suddenly, one day—on the 13th to be precise—a storm arose and drove the vessel on to the Diamond Shoals, off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. These shoals have taken many ships and lives, earning thereby the name of the Devil's graveyard.

But when the master signalled for assistance, help was near. Coastguardsmen from Hatteras came to his rescue. The crew of nine were transferred safely to a lightship, but the seas were running too high to permit of refloating the *Maurice R. Thurslow*. It was decided to await daylight before attempting the difficult feat of getting the schooner off the rocks.

When next day the cutter *Mascotin* went to carry out its task of releasing the schooner, the vessel was nowhere to be seen. No wreckage lay floating on the water, but that the ship had been knocked to pieces by heavy waves was the only explanation of its remarkable disappearance that seemed possible. This was accepted officially as the solution of the mystery. The Devil's graveyard was allotted one more victim.

500 Miles Away.

Imagine the surprise of the coastguards at Cape Hatteras when they received a wireless some weeks later from the Dutch tanker *Sleidrecht* that it had sighted the *Thurslow* in latitude 38.50 N. and longitude 66.57 W., some 500 miles in mid-ocean from where she was supposedly dashed to pieces. She carried no sails, said the message, but was moving quietly in the Gulf Stream current at about two knots.

The coastguard sent out ships in search of the wandering *Thurslow*, up and down the Stream they sought her, but never a trace of the vessel did they find. Nevertheless, from different points of the compass, all within some 500 miles of the Diamond Shoals, came reports that the schooner was sailing the high seas, heavy with cargo, but without crew or master to guide her. Six more pursuers were sent to catch the Phantom Ship. But the tramp schooner eluded every effort to capture her.

Then one day recently the *Tucker*, last of the coastguard searchers to move out, learnt that the vessel had again been sighted. Swiftly it made for the given position. But too late, for all the crew beheld was a ship on fire, and they watched it burn to the water's edge. Nothing remained to tell its name.

Was it or was it not the *Maurice R. Thurslow*? For the present the question is answered. The schooner has not yet been reported sailing again on its lonesome way.

MANSION BLAZE IN KENT.

FIVE ROOMS GUTTED.

LONDON, April 1st.

Fordwich House, Kent, the residence of a former Mayor of Fordwich, was seriously damaged by a fire which broke out yesterday morning.

The tenant, Major Clay Hepburn, was aroused at about six o'clock and discovered that there was an outbreak of fire in the drawing room. He immediately roused the other members of the family and three maids, who succeeded in getting safely out of the building.

Major Hepburn, with the help of neighbours and a number of quarrymen who were working near, succeeded in getting most of the furniture out of the building.

The whole of the front of the building, which was built in 1704, was completely gutted, the drawing room and four bedrooms being destroyed and only the walls were left standing. The damage is estimated at several thousands of pounds.

It is thought that the fire originated in the drawing room, where a large oak beam runs underneath the fireplace. The Sterry and Herne Bay fire brigade were summoned, but when they arrived the fire was raging so fiercely that little could be done.

Major William Clay Hepburn is the general manager of the Pearson and Dorman Long colliery in Kent.

The house was once the temporary retreat of French refugees at the time of the revocation of the Treaty of Nantes in 1685.

THE PANAMA CANAL.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION PROPHESIED.

NICARAGUAN CANAL ALSO NEEDED.

WASHINGTON, April 19th.

The Panama Canal will be in a congested condition ten years hence if traffic continues to develop as it has during the last decade, Senator Walter Edge, Republican of New Jersey, said in support of his resolution for an investigation of the Nicaraguan Canal route.

State and War Department support for the investigation is anticipated at early hearings. Senator Edge consulted both departments before introducing his act and he hopes that the measure may be adopted before adjournment of the present Congress.

The United States already has full treaty rights, so far as Nicaragua is concerned, for the construction of the Nicaraguan Canal, but negotiations with Costa Rica will be necessary, Senator Edge said.

Three Reasons For Nicaragua Canal.

"There are three general reasons for the early construction of the Nicaraguan Canal," Senator Edge told the United Press. "They are strategic, economic, and the beneficial effect which the canal will have on Nicaragua and other neighbouring countries.

"From a military and naval standpoint, the desirability of having a second canal is apparent, since operation of the Panama Canal might be disrupted in wartime by a single explosion. An alternative route woul be an added assurance of national safety.

"The economic advantage from a Nicaraguan canal is indicated in the fact that it would save five hundred miles on the southbound trip and five hundred more on the northbound trip in the tremendous coast-to-coast traffic. This would result in an incalculable saving in the transportation of grain, oil and other bulky commodities.

Wanted By All Nicaraguans.

"The construction of the Canal is desired by all elements in Nicaragua, regardless of party. The canal naturally would encourage pacific conditions in that area as has been the case with the Panama Canal. This is a somewhat incidental factor, but of much importance."

Senator Edge said the approximate cost of a Nigaraguan Canal could not be estimated without the investigation, which simultaneously would comprise study of proposals for expanding the traffic capacity of the Panama Canal.

In this connection, he pointed out that the inadequate water-supply at Panama may limit the practicability of additional locks.—*Manila Times.*

NO RUSSIANS FOR JAVA.

SCIENTISTS EXCLUDED FROM 1929 CONFERENCE.

Moscow, April 24th.

Appeal has been made by the Russian Academy of Science to men of science throughout the world for a protest against the Russian Academy's alleged exclusion from the "Pacific Ocean Scientific Congress" to take place next year in Java.

Formal protest filed with the committee of this congress by Sergey Oldenburg, secretary of the Russian Academy, says that the exclusion is due to belief that "the government of Holland is unlikely to permit Russian delegates entrance to Java island." A group of Russian professors, headed by the academician B. L. Komaroff, were intending to participate in the gathering.

Oldenburg declares that such an attitude toward scientists of any nation is shocking and without precedent. He appeals especially to scientists in countries on the Pacific Ocean to take action against the alleged attitude of the Government of Holland.

"In the name of the interests of international scientific unity and scientific co-operation," the Russian Academy asks the support of scientific organizations throughout the world in this controversy.—*Manila Times.*

CATHEDRAL HOOTS.

INSULTS AT ARCHDEACON.

PARIS.

Riotous scenes took place during High Mass at Perpignan Cathedral when the archdeacon read from the pulpit a Papal ordinance which amounts almost to the excommunication of Roman Catholics who belong to the Action Française League—the French Royalist organisation.

Members of the league have been ordered to sever their connection with the Royalist political organisation under pain of being refused the Sacraments or religious burial.

The archdeacon had hardly begun reading the ordinance when Action Française supporters rose from their seats and noisily left the cathedral while others hurled insults at the priest, calling him Boche! German! Traitor!

The archdeacon was hooted when he left the cathedral.

EXMOOR "CAVE MAN."

VETERAN'S FIGHT FOR A FREE LIFE.

MINEHEAD.

Locally known as "the Exmoor cave man," John Moles is waging a stubborn fight here for independence and the right to live where he pleases.

For several years John, who is 78, lived rent free in a cave under the shadow of Dunkery Beacon, but recently he was routed out from his comfortable cavern and taken to Williton Workhouse.

Declining to stay, he left a few weeks later, but on returning to his moorland cavern he found that workmen had blocked the entrance.

He soon found another home in an old limekiln under the high road near Timberscombe, but was soon turned out, and a workman was instructed to break in the kiln.

For some time John slept wherever he could find a dry hedge bottom, but now he has found refuge in a shed on a piece of moorland.

John is an old campaigner. "I saw him," writes a pressman, "when he was having his breakfast, and beside his cheery fire he told me of his soldiering experiences in Afghanistan, Tibet, and Russian Turkestan. He has, he says, entered Kabul and has seen Lhasa, the Forbidden City."

He is a skilful herbalist, and the villagers regard him as a "medicine man," who can cure their ills. Though he is worried through not being able to get his pension, John cares for no one, and says he will maintain his independence to the end.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, May 2nd.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	29.77	29.71	29.90
Temperature	82	73	72
Humidity	83	94	89
Wind—			
Direction	SSW	W	E
Force	3	1	2
Weather	O	O	O
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.44

Highest open-air Temperature, 1st: 85
Lowest open-air Temperature, 2nd: 73

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder."

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From May 3rd to 9th, 1928.

Days of Week.	Date of Month.	High Water. Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.	Low Water. Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Thur.	3	m 8 44	6 0	m 2 27	2 1
		9 25 a	5 5	2 59 a	2 1
Fri.	4	m 9 0	6 2	m 3 53	2 3
		10 3 a	5 8	3 35 a	1 8
Sat.	5	m 9 15	6 5	m 3 18	2 5
		10 39 a	4 9	4 19 a	1 5
Sun.	6	m 9 33	6 7	m 3 42	2 8
		11 14 a	4 6	4 51 a	1 4
Mon.	7	m 10 0	6 9	m 4 3	3 1
		11 52 a	4 3	5 32 a	1 3
Tues.	8	m 10 27	7 0	m 4 16	3 4
				6 17 a	1 4
Wed.	9	m 1 7	3 9	m 4 28	3 6
		m 10 59	7 0	7 11 a	1 4

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN ...	"HUICHOW" ...	On 6th	May,	6 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK ...	"KIANGSU" ..	On 6th	May,	Noon
SWATOW, SHANGHAI, NEWCHWANG & DALNY ...	"LIANGCHOW"	On 6th	May,	Noon
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SHANGHAI ...	"HUPEH"	On 9th	May,	6 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI ...	"CHENAN" ...	On 10th	May,	Noon
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"TEAN" ...	On 11th	May,	10 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO ...	"SHANTUNG"	On 12th	May,	6 a.m.
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SWATOW, SHANGHAI, NEWCHWANG & DALNY ...	"LUCHOW" ...	On 13th	May,	Noon
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN ...	"KUEICHOW"	On 15th	May,	4 p.m.
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Shipping News
Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.

May 1st.

Botnia, Norwegian str., 840 tons, Capt. A. Hoaland, from Canton, in ballast, lying at Stonecutters.—Wallem & Co.

Diomed, British str., 1,334 tons, Capt. T. R. Ireland, from Liverpool, which port she left on March 25th, with a general cargo, lying at Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.

Eiger, Norwegian str., 875 tons, Capt. J. Hansen, from Canton, May 1st, in ballast, lying at Stonecutters.—Karsten, Larssen & Co.

Linan, British str., 1,356 tons, Capt. T. Beer, from Shanghai and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12.—B. & S.

Nanchang, British str., 1,506 tons, Capt. R. Umpleby, from Newchwang and Swatow, lying at buoy No. B9.—B. & S.

May 2nd.

Arafuru, British str., 3,401 tons, Capt. A. S. Gordon, from Moji, which port she left on April 27th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A1.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Deli Maru, Japanese str., 1,293 tons, Capt. K. Yugeta, from Canton, with merchandise, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Mexico Maru, Japanese str., 3,560 tons, Capt. T. Motoshiga, from Moji, which port she left on April 27th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

Miike Maru, Japanese str., 1,954 tons, Capt. Y. Yasuda, from Tailay Bay, which port she left on April 29th, lying at Kowloon Bay.—Y. Sato Co.

Penang Maru, Japanese str., 3,230 tons, Capt. H. Aizawa, from Yokohama and ports, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Remo, Italian str., 9,779 tons, Capt. G. C. Smith, from Trieste, which port she left on March 12th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Dodwell & Co.

San Lamberto, British str., 3,664 tons, Capt. W. Harris, from Shanghai, which port she left on April 28th, lying at North Point.—A.P.C.

Talthybius, British str., 6,514 tons, Capt. R. J. Wilson, from Tacoma and Miike. The latter port she left on April 29th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A4.—B. & S.

CLEARANCES.

May 2nd.

Chak Sang, for Swatow.
Deli Maru, for Swatow.
Diomed, for Shanghai.
Eiger, for Hoihow.
Haldis, for Hoihow.
Honoi, for Kwong Chow Wan.
Linan, for Canton.
Mexico Maru, for Durban.
Penang Maru, for Singapore.
Remo, for Shanghai.
Shinking, for Macao.
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PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

Per s.s. *Diomed*, from Liverpool *viâ* Singapore, to May 1st:—For Hong Kong: Mr. T. Laurenson, Mrs. Laurenson, Miss J. Laurenson, Master J. Laurenson, Mr. W. E. Watmough, Mr. A. Webster. Passing through to Shanghai: Mr. D. Mackenzie, Mrs. Mackenzie, Miss I. Mackenzie, Mr. C. E. Lintilhac.

Departures.

Per s.s. *President Taft* for Seattle, *viâ* ports, on May 2nd:—Miss P. Chambers, Mr. C. Hosmer, Mr. A. G. Mercado, Mr. J. Mason, Mrs. A. G. Mercado, Mr. J. D. Oroisa, Miss E. Schall, Mr. R. D. Sproull, Mrs. Mary Ladow, Mrs. Leon Smith, Mrs. A. R. Zostiner, Mrs. R. L. Taylor, Mr. William Applegate, Mr. J. D. Blakeney, Miss M. E. Frank, Mr. E. G. Goldsborough, Mr. D. G. Gunnell, Mrs. C. Olive, Mr. Wm. Hoops, Mr. G. W. Kriedt, Mrs. A. B. Maxwell, Miss M. E. Maxwell, Mr. M. Rau, Mrs. C. Rau, Mr. G. Simmie, Mrs. H. Worthern, Mr. Starr, Mrs. R. T. Zinn, Mrs. H. Palama, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Lavine, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Williams, Dr. S. Th. Holst Weber, the Hon. and Mrs. K. C. De, Mr. Louie Car Tow, Mr. Wong Wing Cheung, Mr. Louie Get Tung, Mr. Ligh Fook Heu, Mrs. Chiu Shee, Mr. F. H. La Mothe, Mr. J. M. Gillison, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Perley, Mr. Tse Bo Pui, Mr. H. Tyrer, Mr. Yan Cho Yung, Mr. A. F. Piffiner, Mr. G. J. Pollard, Mr. Paul Harvey, Miss K. E. Vaughn, Mr. H. Schibler, Mr. Wong Shee, Miss C. Gutierrez, Mrs. W. Shewan, Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. K. C. Wong, Mr. A. L. Waller, Mrs. E. W. Schramm, Mrs. E. J. Fay, Mr. Y. M. Lum, Mr. Chang Lai Hing, Mr. W. L. Chung, Mrs. M. Picken, Mr. J. A. Wilson, Mr. Chung Yung Yue, Mr. Sze Kee Shun, Master Chow Sze Doy, Mr. Wong Hang Chow, Mr. Tang Yuen Chaw, Dr. J. B. Grant, Mr. S. J. Hicks, Mr. A. L. Taylor, Mr. A. Tiberghien, Mrs. A. Tiberghien, Mr. and Mrs. F. X. da Silva, Mr. and Mrs. Kwan Yuck Tin, Mr. and Mrs. M. Ribeiro, Mr. Antonio Ribeiro, Mrs. A. Oliver, Mr. J. C. Huston, Capt. and Mrs. E. I. M. Barrett, Mr. Lo Yuk Ye, Mr. S. M. Churn, Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Fan, Miss Lai, Mr. K. W. Kuo, Mrs. E. W. Schramm, Mrs. E. J. Fay, Mr. Y. M. Lum, Mr. Chang Lai Hing, Mr. W. L. Chung, Mr. Tang Yurn Chaw.

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"DOUBLE-CROSSED."
FILLIPINO WHO ENLIVENED THE MARINE COURT.

The usual monotony of Marine Court proceedings where charges of navigating the harbour, without lights, mooring alongside other vessels and dragging the harbour beds are preferred each day against offending sampan folk, was relieved yesterday morning when a young Filipino seaman was charged with boarding the s.s. *President Taft* without permission.

Pedro Callia who is only 18 years of age was found asleep in the steerage of the *President Taft*. He told Comdr. J. B. Newill, D.S.C., that he had been invited on board by a friend. He was given to understand that a pair of trousers, money and food would be presented to him. He waited for his friend who was supposed to have gone ashore to change some money.

An Indian guard testified to finding the defendant asleep and taking him before the Chief Officer, who instructed witness to place the defendant under arrest.

Defendant expostulated and said "Somebody double-crossed me, and this here guy hit me in the face. I was only sitting there waiting for my friend to return. He told me he was going to change some money."

The words in themselves are not particularly amusing or unusual but the way the defendant said them and the gestures he made provoked general laughter in Court.

His Worship asked Capt. A. M. Miller, who appeared for the prosecution, whether he could produce evidence to show that the defendant did not have permission to go on board and remarked that the evidence of the Indian guard was not sufficient.

Capt. Miller said that he knew nothing beyond what he had been told by the Chief Officer, and as the *President Taft* had sailed only that morning, he therefore could not call the Chief Officer. Capt. Miller added that he understood the defendant had come to the Colony by a Swedish vessel and was now stranded. His Worship: There is no evidence that he did not have permission and he must therefore be discharged.

The Wind In His Favour.

The master of cargo boat when charged with making fast alongside the s.s. *New Mathilde* while the steamer was still underway, gave an ingenious excuse for the offence.

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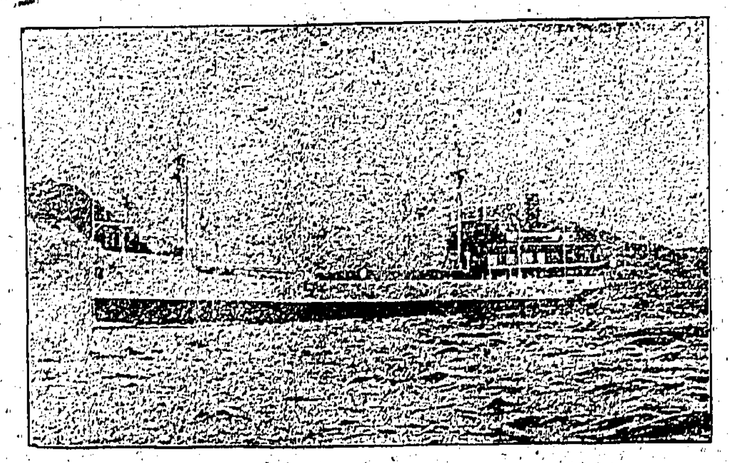
His Worship: Oh, then the wind was in your favour a bit too soon, eh?

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	"KWONGSANG"	Wed., 9th May, at Noon
	"HOPSANG"	Sun., 13th May, at Noon
	"KWAISANG"	Wed., 16th May, at Noon
OSAKA via AMOY, MOJI & KOBE ...	"HOSANG"	Sun., 6th May, at 7 a.m.
CANTON ..	"KWONGSANG"	Thurs., 3rd May, at 6 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA...	"SUISANG"	Satur., 5th May, at 3 p.m.
	"YUENSANG"	Tues., 15th May, at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN ...	"MAUSANG"	Wed., 9th May, at 3 p.m.
TIENTSIN ...	"YUSANG"	Fri., 4th May, at 5 p.m.

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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront News, Vessels Expected, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

VERY LOW IMPORTS.

THROUGH CARGO GOOD.

Although there were twelve arrivals and seventeen departures during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday the general cargoes discharged for Hong Kong were extremely low. Only six vessels discharged cargo for Hong Kong, and of these four were British steamers. The through freights from seven vessels showed a very good average of about 3,000 tons per vessel.

Local imports amounted to only 1,464 tons and four British vessels contributed 1,114 tons. Two other foreign vessels carried the remaining 350 tons. The best returns were shown by two British vessels with 400 tons and 393 tons respectively.

Through freights from seven vessels totalled 20,877 tons, and of this total 17,873 tons were carried by five British vessels. Again two British ships headed the list as best carriers. The s.s. *Calchas* from Otaru and Shanghai had 7,239 tons, and the s.s. *Alipore* had 5,517 tons from Bombay and Singapore.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	8	6
Japanese	1	3
Norwegian	2	0
Chinese	1	4
French	0	1
German	0	1
American	0	1
Italian	0	1
Total	12	17

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail Line.
President Jefferson, May 7th.

Australian-Oriental Line.
Taiping, May 11th.
Changte, June 8th.

Bank Line.
City of Burmingham, to-morrow.
City of Eastbourne, May 11th.
City of New Castle, May 11th.
City of Chester, May 27th.
City of Tokio, June 9th.
City of Cardiff, June 22nd.
City of Pekin, July 7th.
City of Bedford, June 22nd.
City of Osaka, July 13th.
City of Evansville, July 20th.

Blue Funnel Line.
Antenor, to-day.
Meriones, May 6th.
Helenus, May 16th.
Patroclus, May 16th.
Adrastus, May 17th.
Orestes, May 20th.
Teucer, May 22nd.
Perseus, May 25th.
Menelaus, May 29th.
Pyrrhus, May 30th.
Hector, May 31st.
Rhexenor, June 8th.
Mentor, June 10th.
Tyndareus, June 10th.
Dardanus, June 12th.
Oanfa, June 20th.
Antilochus, June 25th.
Atreus, June 27th.
Glaucus, June 29th.
Protesilaus, July 3rd.
Lycaon, July 8th.
Philoctetes, July 8th.
Theseus, July 25th.
Aeneas, July 30th.
Elpenor, August 22nd.
Sarpedon, August 23rd.

British-India and Apcar Line.
Takliwa, May 7th.
Hatipara, May 15th.
Santhia, May 20th.
Talma, May 24th.
Tilawa, May 31st.
Takada, June 5th.
Talamba, June 15th.

Canadian Pacific Line.
Empress of Russia, May 7th.
Empress of Asia, May 14th.

Dodwell & Co.
Kendal Castle, May 7th.

Dollar Steamship Line.
President Monroe, May 5th.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.
Malaya, May 5th.
Siam, June 15th.
Danmark, July 16th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.
Tanda, May 7th.
St. Albans, June 4th.

Glen Line.
Glenbeg, May 13th.
Pembrokeshire, May 28th.
Glenaffer, June 9th.
Glenshane, June 20th.
Cardiganshire, July 8th.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie and Hugo Stinnes Linien.
Ermland, to-day.
Vogtland, May 19th.
Ludendorff, May 24th.
Hindenburg, June 6th.
Albert Voegler, June 9th.
Rhein, June 30th.

Java-China-Japan Lijn.
Tjibodas, May 7th.
Tjiliboet, May 7th.
Tjisondari, May 10th.
Tjisaroca, May 14th.
Tjibodas, May 21st.
Tjimanoek, May 21st.
Tjikembang, May 24th.
Tjisoendari, May 28th.

Messageries Maritimes.
D'Artagnan, May 9th.
Si-kiang, May 22nd.
General Metzinger, May 23rd.
Sphinx, June 5th.
Angers, June 19th.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
Fushimi Maru, May 4th.
Siberia Maru, May 8th.
Hakata Maru, May 9th.
Tottori Maru, May 9th.
Tamba Maru, May 10th.
Toyooka Maru, May 13th.
Tsuyama Maru, May 13th.
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Mishima Maru, May 22nd.
Taiyo Maru, May 22nd.
Atago Maru, May 25th.
Hakuun Maru, June 1st.
Tenyo Maru, June 4th.
Wakata Maru, June 8th.
Dakar Maru, June 10th.
Kitano Maru, June 15th.
Tango Maru, June 19th.
Kamakura Maru, July 25th.

Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.
Trier, to-morrow.
Trave, May 12th.
Pfalz, May 20th.
Saarbruecken, June 4th.
Ramscheid, June 20th.
Coblenz, July 2nd.

Peninsular and Oriental.
Novara, May 8th.
Delta, May 10th.
Kashgar, May 12th.
Devanha, May 17th.
Lahore, May 19th.
Kidderpore, May 22nd.
Mirzapore, May 23rd.
Ranpura, May 24th.
Malwa, May 26th.
Jeypore, June 2nd.
Nankin, June 5th.
Khyber, June 7th.
Rawalpindi, June 21st.
Nellore, July 3rd.
Kashmir, July 5th.
Rajputana, July 19th.
Kalyan, August 2nd.
Naldera, August 16th.
Morea, September 13th.
Karmala, September 27th.
Macedonia, October 12th.

Prince Line.
Javanese Prince, May 10th.
Japanese Prince, June 5th.

Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.
Nanking, May 25th.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

Derelict Junk.

The master of the s.s. *Szechuen* reports that they passed a capsized junk with the bottom showing in a position approximately Lat. 23 deg. 9 North, and Lat. 117 deg. 7 East. The master considers the wreck dangerous to navigation.

Typhoon Regulations.

The Harbour Master, Commander J. B. Newill, has issued a notice to Mariners to the effect that during the Typhoon season—1st June until 15th October, 1928—each vessel lying in Hong Kong Harbour must have on board at least one certificated Deck Officer and a deck and engine crew sufficient to work the anchors and raise steam.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

Asiatic deck passengers arriving in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday numbered 253.

Died At Sea.

The s.s. *Nanchang*, arriving from Swatow, reports one suicide *en route*, no further details being given in the ship's report.

Chan Kow, fireman of the *Arafura*, from Otaru and Moji, died from pneumonia on April 25th, two days before reaching the Japanese port.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships in port yesterday were as follow:—

North Wall Basin, *Wild Swan*, *Wanderer*; South Wall Basin, *Onslaught*; East Wall Basin, *Nessus*, *Moth*, *L.3*, *L.27*; North Arm of Dockyard, *Titania*, *Witherington*, *Vivern*; West Wall Dock, *Francol*, *Belgol*; In Dockyard, *L.15*, *L.19*, *L.20*, *L.33*; No. 1 Buoy, *Hermes*; No. 2 Buoy, *Verity*, *Wishart*; No. 3 Buoy, *Wolverine*; No. 4 Buoy, *Foxglove*, *Magnolia*; No. 5 Buoy, *War Krishner*; No. 7 Buoy, *Bruce*; No. 8 Buoy, *Veteran*; No. 10 Buoy, *Cornflower*; No. 12 Buoy, *Marazion*; No. 13 Buoy, *Keppel*; No. 18 Buoy, *Ruthenia*; Oil Fuel Jetty, *Kharki*; Kowloon Anchorage, *Fortol*.

Foreign Men of War:—French, *Vigilante*; Portuguese, *Patria*; American, *Sacramento* (at No. 1a buoy) and *Pampanga*.

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The P. & O. s.s. *Karmala*, from Hong Kong, arrived at London on May 1st at 11 a.m.

The N.D.L. s.s. *Trier* left Shanghai on May 2nd, and is expected to arrive at Hong Kong to-morrow evening, May 4th. She will sail for Europe *vid* Manila, Singapore and ports on May 5th.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

	Sunrise.	Sunset.
To-day	5.50 a.m.	6.51 p.m.
To-morrow	5.49 ,,	6.51 ,,
Saturday	5.49 ,,	6.52 ,,

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*"KIDDERPORE"	5,354	22nd May	Straits, Colombo, B'bay, & Karachi
"MALWA"	10,986	26th May	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
*"ALIPORE"	5,273	31st May	Straits, Colombo and Bombay.
*"JEYPORE"	5,318	2nd June	Mars., L'don, A'werp, R'dam, H'burg
"DELTA"	8,097	9th June	B'bay., Mars., L'don. & Antwerp.
*"MIRZAPORE"	5,715	19th June	Straits & Bombay.
"RANPURA"	15,601	23rd June	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
*"NOVARA"	5,989	30th June	Mars., L'don, A'werp, Bull R'dm, H'bg
"KHYBER"	9,114	7th July	Marseilles, L'don., Antwerp & Hull.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	21st July	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
*"NANKIN"	7,058	28th July	Mars., L'don, A'werp R'dam, H'burg
"KASHMIR"	8,985	4th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	18th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"NALDERA"	16,088	1st Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"KALYAN"	9,144	15th Sept.	Marseilles., L'don. and Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	9,005	29th Sept.	Marseilles and London.
"MOREA"	10,953	13th Oct.	do.
"KARMALA"	9,128	27th Oct.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	10th Nov.	do.
"KHYBER"	9,114	24th Nov.	do.
"MALWA"	10,946	8th Dec.	do.
"NALDERA"	16,088	22nd Dec.	do.

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"TALAMBA"	8,018	4th May, 2.30 p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
*"HATIPARA"	7,764	17th May	do.
"TALMA"	10,006	26th May	do.
"TAKLIWA"	7,936	2nd June	do.

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*"ARAFURA"	6,000	4th May, 4 p.m.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"TANDA"	6,956	1st June	
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	29th June	
"ARAFURA"	6,000	3rd Aug.	
"TANDA"	6,956	31st Aug.	

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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

"TAKLIWA"	7,936	8th May, Noon	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama
"TANDA"	6,956	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"DELTA"	8,097	11th May	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*"NOVARA"	6,989	12th May	do.
*"DEVANHA"	8,155	17th May	S'hai., Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"SANTHIA"	7,764	22nd May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*"MIRZAPORE"	6,715	24th May	S'hai., Moji & Kobe.
"KANPURA"	16,601	25th May	S'hai., Kobe & Yokohama.
"TILAWA"	10,006	2nd June	Amoy, S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*"NANKIN"	7,058	5th June	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	5th June	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
"TAKADA"	8,949	7th June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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"TALAMBA"	8,018	17th June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	22nd June	S'hai., Kobe & Yokohama.
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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Shanghai	*Liangchow* ...	3rd May
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia ...	*Fushima Maru*	4th May
Europe via Negapatam (letters only, London, 5th April)	*Hosang* ...	5th May
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai ..	*Pres. Monroe* ...	5th May
Shanghai & Swatow	*Chinkiang*	
Europe via Negapatam (papers only London, 5th April	*Takliwa*	7th May
Australia and Manila	*Tanda* ..	7th May
Manila	*Emp. of Russia* ...	7th May
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai...	*Pres. Jefferson* ...	7th May
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai ...	*Empress of Asia*	14th May

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Straits & South Africa	*Mexico Maru* ..	Thursday, 3rd, 8.30 A M
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	*Deli Maru* ..	10.30 A M
Saigon	*Halcard*	12.30 P M
Samshui & Wuchow	*Kucsang*	4.30 P M
Saigon	*Shun Chih* ...	5.00 P M
Hoihow and Haiphong	*New Mathilde* ...	5.00 P M
Haiphong	*Campinas* ..	Friday, 4th, 8.30 A M
Hoihow, Pakhoi and *Haiphong	*Menado Maru* ..	8.30 A M
Manila, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 19th May	*Arafura* ...	Parcels Noon. Reg. 1.45 P M Letters 2.30 P M
Shanghai	*Lima*	2.30 P M
Hoihow and Bangkok	*Michael Jebsen* ...	5.00 P M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 3rd June	*Fushimi Maru*...	*Kowloon P.O.* Reg. 4.30 P M Let. 5th, 9.00 A M *G.P.O.* Reg. 5th, 8.45 A M Letters 9.30 A M
Straits & Calcutta	*Sui Sang* ...	Saturday, 5th. Parcels Noon Letters 1.00 P M
Shanghai & EUROPE via Siberia... ...	*Sun Ning*... ..	2.30 P M
Bangkok	*Hero*	2.30 P M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ...	*Hai Ning* ..	4.00 P M
Straits	*Glengarry* ...	4.30 P M
Wei Hai Wei	*Huichow*	5.00 P M
Amoy	*Hosang*	5.00 P M
Bangkok via Swatow	*Kiangsu*	Sunday, 6th, 9.00 A M
Swatow, *Amoy and Formosa	*Hoisan Maru* ...	9.00 A M
Amoy	*Kiangchow* ...	9.00 A M
Amoy and Foochow via Swatow	*Lai Hong*	Monday, 7th, 2.00 P M
Swatow	*Hydrangea* ...	2.30 P M
Amoy	*Chenkiang* ...	4.00 P M
Saigon, *Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 9th June	*Chenonceaux*	Tuesday, 8th, *Kowloon P.O.* Reg. 1.00 P M Letters 1.00 P M *G.P.O.* Reg. 1.45 P M Letters 2.30 P M
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and *Europe via Vancouver, B.C.—due Vancouver, B.C., 27th May, & Europe via Siberia ...	*Emp. of Russia*	Parcels 5.00 P M Wednesday, 9th. Reg. 9.15 A M Letters 10.00 A M
Swatow...	*Kwongsang* ...	Wednesday, 9th, 10.00 A M
Sandakan	*Mausang*	1.30 P M
Java via Sourabaya	*Tjileboet* ...	3.30 P M
Straits	*Van Heutsz* ...	Thursday, 10th, 10.30 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Ching* ..	Friday, 11th, 2.00 P M

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Issued and Fully Paid-up$20,000,000
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Silver —...$14,000,000

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Chefoo		Singapore
Colombo	London	Sourabaya
Dairen	Lyons	Sungei Patani
Foochow	Malacca	Tientsin
Haiphong	Manila	Tokyo
Hamburg	Moukden	Tsingtao
Hankow	Nagasaki	Yokohama
Harbin	New York	

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods in LOCAL CURRENCY and STERLING on terms which will be quoted on application.
Hong Kong, 3rd April, 1928. [26

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Banking Business of every description transacted.
O. STEENSTRA,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 30th July, 1927. [34

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Capital fully paid up ...Yen 100,000,000
Reserve Fund..... Yen 99,500,000

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Batavia	Kai Yuen	Saigon
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Deposits received for Fixed Periods at rates to be obtained on application.

H. MORI, Manager.
Hong Kong 12th March, 1928. [35

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

Paid-up Capital£3,000,000
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HAMBURG	PEKING	YOKOHAMA
HANKOW	PENANG	ZAMBOANGA (Philippine Islands).
HARBIN (North Manchuria)	PESHAWAR	
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FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.
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Hong Kong, 16th Mar., 1928. [30

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A. ROLLIN,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 19th April, 1928.

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15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 3.

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Subscribed Capital£1,800,000
Paid-up Capital£1,050,000
Reserve Fund and Rest.....£1,584,843

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HONG KONG BRANCHES:
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts to 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at Rates that may be ascertained on application.
C. L. C. SANDES, Manager.
7, Queen's Road Central.
Hong Kong, 20th April, 1928. [29

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行銀國中

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Subscribed Capital..Frs.72,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital....Frs.68,400,000.00
Reserve Fund Frs.89,384,519.10

BRANCHES:

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PAID-UP CAPITAL... 5,000,000
RESERVE... 1,200,000

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Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	—
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	2/0⅜
Credits, at 4 months' sight	2/1⅛
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight ...	2/1⅛
ON PARIS.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	1,267½
Credits, 4 months' sight ...	1,342½
ON NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bills, on demand ...	49⅞
Credits, at 60 days' sight...	61⅛
ON BOMBAY.—	
Telegraphic Transfer ...	136⅛
Bank Bills, on demand...	
ON CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer ...	136⅛
Bank Bills, on demand...	
ON SHANGHAI.—	
Bank Bills, at sight ...	77⅛
Private, 30 days' sight ...	—
ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand...	105
ON MANILA.—On demand ...	100⅛
ON SINGAPORE.—On demand...	88⅛
ON BATAVIA.—On demand ...	123⅛
ON HAIPHONG.—On demand ...	—
ON SAIGON.—On demand ...	nom.
ON BANGKOK.—On demand ...	91⅛
SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying rate	$9.45
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